



CITY OF VERONA
FINANCE COMMITTEE
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2019 – 6:30 P.M.
VERONA CITY CENTER – Conference Room D110
111 LINCOLN STREET

AGENDA

1. Call to order.
2. Roll call
3. Public Comment
4. Discussion and Possible Action re: Recommended Approval of the November 11, 2019 Finance Committee Minutes
5. Discussion and Possible Action re: Resolution R-19-054 Approving the 2020 City of Verona Budget
6. Discussion and Possible Action re: Resolution R-19-055 Approving the Levying of Property Taxes for City Purposes
7. Discussion and Possible Action re: Possible Reimbursement of the TID error in 2018
8. Discussion and Possible Action re: Future of the Old Library
9. Discussion and Possible Action re: Payment of Bills
10. Adjournment.

Chairperson Chad Kemp

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Verona Public Library
Miller's Market
City Web Page at www.ci.verona.wi.us

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City of Verona

Finance Committee
City Hall – 111 Lincoln Street
Verona, WI 53593-1520

MINUTES
FINANCE COMMITTEE
NOVEMBER 11, 2019

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Chad Kemp at 6:00 p.m. in Conference Room D110

Roll Call: Chairperson Chad Kemp, Alder Kate Cronin and Alder Christine Posey were present

Also present: Mayor Luke Diaz, City Administrator Adam Sayre and Finance Director Brian Lamers

Public Comment: None

Discussion and Possible Action regarding approval of October 28, 2019 Finance Committee minutes: Motion was made by Cronin, seconded by Posey to approve the October 28, 2019 Finance Committee minutes with no changes noted. Motion carried 3-0.

Discussion and Possible Action regarding Updates on the 2020 Budget: Lamers stated there are no updates at this point. He stated we still do not have the final assessment numbers from the Wisconsin Department of Revenue (WDOR) to tell what the City's mill rate, which we usually have by now but after contacting the WDOR they stated there was a manufacturing assessment being appealed. Lamers stated we also do not have Dane County's levy to determine the TIF tax portion.

Discussion and Possible Action regarding Possible Reimbursement of the TID error in 2018: Sayre stated that SB269 passed last Thursday and is waiting for the Governor's signature. Sayre informed the Committee that the Dane County tax system was unable to do negative assessment so there are two other options of either cutting the checks or reducing the levy. Administration has been trying to get approval from the WDOR on either reducing the levy or issuing checks directly to the taxpayers and they have not given us any answers. After further discussion on pros and cons of the two options the Committee recommended that checks be issued for the refund of anything over \$10.00, however if someone comes in that request there refund that is under \$10.00 that the City issue them a check.

Discussion and Possible Action regarding Notice of Liability Claim: Motion was made by Kemp, seconded by Cronin to recommend to the City Council to deny the liability claim. Motion carried 3-0.

Discussion and Possible Action regarding the City Investment Report for October 2019: Lamers stated the investments continue to go down as we pay for the major constructions projects that are happening currently.

Discussion and Possible Action regarding the Revenue and Expenditure Report for October 2019: Lamers stated the winter operations overtime for Public Works and Parks is likely to be over by the end of the year.

Discussion and Possible Action regarding the payment of bills:
Motion was made by Kemp, seconded by Cronin to approve the payment of bills totaling \$441,395.09. Motion carried 3-0.

Adjournment: Motion was made by Cronin, seconded by Posey, to adjourn the Finance Committee Meeting at 6:24 p.m. Motion carried 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Brian Lamers CPA
Finance Director

**CITY OF VERONA
RESOLUTION NO. R-19-054**

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2020 CITY OF VERONA BUDGET

WHEREAS, on Monday, November 11, 2019 the Committee of the Whole held a budget study session to review and consider the 2020 City of Verona Recommended Budget; and

WHEREAS, on Monday, November 18, 2019 the City of Verona Common Council held a public hearing to consider the 2020 City of Verona Recommended Budget; and

WHEREAS, the City of Verona Common Council has carefully examined the recommended budget and supporting information and found them to be true and correct and to properly represent the income anticipated and the required expenditures of the City and all funds and departments as set forth in the budget; and

WHEREAS, after careful review and discussion, on November 18, 2019, the City of Verona Finance Committee moved to recommend the adoption of Resolution R-19-054 approving the 2020 City of Verona, Dane County, Wisconsin Budget as set forth in the attached schedule and made a part hereof inclusive of all funds including the General Fund, Capital Projects Funds, Special Revenue Funds, Debt Service Funds, the Storm Water Utility, the Water Utility and the Sewer Utility Fund.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Common Council of the City of Verona, Dane County, Wisconsin, hereby approves the budget of the City of Verona, Dane County, Wisconsin, for the year 2020 as set forth in the attached schedule and made a part hereof inclusive of all funds including the General Fund, Capital Projects Funds, Special Revenue Funds, Debt Service Funds, the Storm Water Utility, the Water Utility and the Sewer Utility Fund.

Passed, signed and dated this 18th day of November, 2019.

CITY OF VERONA

SEAL

Luke Diaz, Mayor

Ellen Clark, City Clerk

**CITY OF VERONA
RESOLUTION NO. R-19-055**

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE LEVYING OF PROPERTY TAXES FOR CITY
PURPOSES**

WHEREAS, on Monday, November 18, 2019, the City of Verona Common Council met to consider levying taxes for city purposes; and

WHEREAS, after careful review and consideration, the Common Council moved to recommend the adoption of Resolution R-19-055 approving that the amounts set forth in the 2019 Budget be levied as taxes against the taxable property of the City of Verona, for the purposes stated therein, and that the same be placed on the tax roll for the year 2019, collectible in 2020, and that the total levy is hereby determined to be \$13,949,140.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Common Council of the City of Verona, Dane County, Wisconsin, hereby approves the amounts set forth in the 2020 Budget and that the same be placed on the tax roll for the year 2019, collectible in 2020, and that the total levy is hereby determined to be \$13,949,140.

Passed, signed and dated this 18th day of November, 2019.

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To Whom It May Concern,

I write to express my sincere interest in purchasing the old library building on Harriet Street. My intent would be to do significant interior and exterior renovations in order to re-purpose the building as a Montessori school. I am one of many parents whose children currently attend Montessori type classes and programs in the old school wing at St. Andrew's Catholic Church, directly across the street from the building. The families that make up this group reside almost entirely in the Fitch-Verona area, with many of the parents working at Epic and other businesses on the Westside of Madison. St. Andrew's was a natural place for this group to get started, because some of the families go to church there, and the church has been willing to let us use some of their under-utilized space. However, as interest in our group has grown substantially, we need to find a more adequate and permanent space.

In light of my proposal, I ask you to please consider the following:

A. It is clear from the outside of the building, that it is in need of substantial repair and maintenance, and my purchase of the building could relieve the City of significant expenditures related to this upkeep. Here are a few things that I noticed:

- I. Clogged gutters that do not allow water to flow away from the building foundation. This is especially of concern during periods of heavier rainfall as it can allow for water entry (and subsequent damage to the property as a result, including damage from mold). Discoloration of the lower brick on the exterior of the building is indicative of water not being able to drain away from the foundation.
- II. Loose and cracked shingles on the roof suggest it could potentially be at the end of its useful life.
- III. Overgrown landscaping on the Main Street side of the building.

B. Any lease arrangements the City has for the building that are currently in place, per Wisconsin law, would be honored.

C. The school would not have an adverse impact on local traffic. Many Verona residents are concerned that higher density development along this corridor will lead to further congestion in an area of already dense traffic at certain hours of the day. In light of this concern, please be aware that our foreseeable plans are to simply renovate the building – not to develop it further.

Many of us who have lived in Verona for some time well remember this building as the "old library." With its brick facade, it has the potential to be a beautiful building in central Verona, and our plans certainly entail increasing the building's curb appeal. I hope to be able to tender an offer.

Thank you for your time in considering my proposal.

Sincerely,

Dan Cavill
Verona Resident