

Neenah-Menasha Fire Rescue
Joint Finance & Personnel Committee Meeting
November 23, 2010 – 5:30 p.m.
Hauser Room – City of Neenah

Present: Ald. Ahles, Stevenson, Hendricks, Ramos and Wisneski.

Excused: Ald. Zelinski

Also Present: Chief Auxier and Administrative Assistant Theisen.

Ald. Stevenson called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: The Committee reviewed the meeting minutes from October 12, 2010. **MSC Ahles/Hendricks to approve the meeting minutes of October 12, 2010, all voting aye.**

October 2010 Budget Report: The Committee reviewed the October 2010 budget report. **MSC Wisneski/Ramos to accept the October 2010 budget report and place on file, all voting aye.**

October 2010 Activity Report: The Committee reviewed the October 2010 activity report. **MSC Ramos/Hendricks to accept the October 2010 activity report and place on file, all voting aye.**

2011 Annual Physicals: The Committee reviewed the RFP proposals from Ingenuity First and Affinity. Comparisons between the prices from both providers were reviewed. It was noted that the budget from 2010 to 2011 was reduced by \$10,000 since chest x-rays are only completed every five years. Chie Auxier did state the Menasha Health Department has once again offered to help us with our annual TB skin tests and will only charge our Department the cost for the serum to administer this test. Our 2011 budget is \$27,000 and the baseline testing does come in under budget but there may be additional charges incurred if any member needs additional testing. **MSC Wisneski/Hendricks to recommend the City of Neenah and Menasha Common Councils approve the RFP for Ingenuity First for the 2011 physicals at the low bid of \$20,743.20 and with the understanding that there may be additional costs incurred if additional testing is needed for line staff members, all voting aye.**

Dive Team: The Committee reviewed the memo from AC Sipin regarding the dive team proposal. Chief Auxier explained that this team would be funded through private donations. Recent water/ice rescue calls were discussed and how the need for this service is becoming more necessary due to the increased calls we have experienced in 2010 alone. Costs were identified based upon start up costs, training and operational costs. There are currently six members already certified and the goal would be to certify more members. Chief Auxier also explained the opportunities we have to apply for grant monies for these costs. Ald. Ahles asked why Winnebago County Sheriff's Department

would not share in the cost sharing. Due to the response times, there are more times where it turns into a recovery instead of a rescue effort. It was also noted that the County does not have the money, as this is an enhanced service of what they already provide. Chief Auxier did note that the County already does provide the boats for us to use for rescue calls and does provide some equipment. Ald. Ramos asked if Oshkosh Fire Department's dive team is funded through their own budget or if they are also supplemented for this budget through Winnebago County Sheriff's Department budget. Ald. Ahles had many questions regarding the operational budget costs. The Committee asked Chief Auxier to research the questions that they had and to bring back to the next meeting. The Committee commended the Department for taking the initiative to try to put this together and for trying to obtain monies from other sources.

December Meeting: The Committee reviewed the date and there should be a quorum for the meeting.

MSC Ramos/Ahles to adjourn at 6:15 p.m., all voting aye.

Respectfully Submitted,

Al Auxier
Chief

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