

Neenah-Menasha Fire Rescue  
Joint Finance & Personnel Committee Meeting  
January 24, 2012 – 5:30 p.m.  
Hauser Room – City of Neenah

Present: Ald. Sevenich, Stevenson, Ahles, Krueger, Klein and Ramos.

Also Present: Chief Auxier, Director Easker and Office Manager Theisen.

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

Public Forum: There were no members of the public present.

Meeting Minutes: The Committee reviewed the meeting minutes from December 27, 2011. **MSC Ramos/Krueger to approve the meeting minutes from December 27, 2011, all voting aye.**

Budget Report: The Committee reviewed the December 2011 budget report. Chief Auxier noted that the numbers are not final and the Neenah Finance Department is in the process of completing the year-end budget. Director Easker said the remainder of 2011 wages and benefits have not been adjusted and are not reflected in the current budget report.

Ald. Stevenson asked about the license renewal. Chief Auxier said these have been paid but are not reflected in the current budget report. These are for first responder licenses for line staff personnel. He also asked about the Outside Services Account. Chief Auxier said the remainder of the budget was set aside for the fiber optic lines for Station 36 (billed by Menasha Utilities) and Station 31 (billed by Neenah IS Department) and should be coming out of this account. Director Easker noted the final number for the liability insurance has been applied to the line item within the budget. Ald. Stevenson asked about the communications equipment and Chief Auxier said this was for the radio equipment that is being paid for by Winnebago County so most of these funds have not been used.

Ald. Stevenson asked about the Personal Protective Equipment. Chief Auxier noted that equipment to be replaced was delayed to see how the final budget for 2011 looked and will be asking that these funds be carried forward to the 2012 budget. He noted that some of the liners for the PPE equipment are starting to fail and need to be replaced. He also noted that Mayor Merkes asked that we returned \$42,000 from the 2011 budget, due to the consolidation formula this equates that we had to not spend \$100,000 from the total budget to return \$42,000 to the City of Menasha. In doing this, Chief Auxier was advised that he could recommend carrying forward funds from the 2011 budget to use in our 2012 budget. With negotiations that occurred with Local 275 there were savings in the projected 2012 budget and as a result of those savings we would like to carry forward funds that would have been applied to the \$42,000, as requested by Mayor Merkes. Director Easker said that the carry forward request would need to be reviewed at the February meeting. Ald. Ahles said there are always funds put in the PPE account as we need to make sure there is money there in the event there is any equipment that needs to be replaced due to fires, hazardous calls, etc. **MSC Ahles/Krueger to approve the December 2011 budget and place on file, all voting aye.**

Monthly Activity Report: The Committee reviewed the December 2011 Activity Report. These numbers also reflect the totals for the entire year. Chief Auxier handed out a report that shows the call volume for the last three years. It was noted the call volumes have steadily increased

over the past three years. Ald. Stevenson asked about the false alarms. Chief Auxier noted that we do continue to respond to these but have the fine implementation in place for re-occurring false alarms. Ald. Ramos asked about the hazardous condition calls. Chief Auxier stated that these calls go up due to electrical hazards that are caused by storms. **MSC Stevenson/Ramos to accept the December 2011 monthly activity report and place on file, all voting aye.**

Request to Purchase Three MDC's: Chief Auxier stated there were discussions last year about upgrading and replacing our three new MDC's in 2012. These have to be upgraded due to the implementation of the Premier One/CAD software and the new radio system that is being put into place by the County and this will also be needed for automatic aid dispatching. These funds have been budgeted in the 2012 Capital Improvement Budget. With the purchase of these we will have all front line engines with new MDC's that will meet the new Premier One/CAD software and new radio requirements, along with automatic aid dispatching. Ald. Krueger asked for an update on automatic aid. Chief Auxier said there continues to be testing and the radio communication issues between the two Counties. He also noted that the new MDC's due help with the dispatching and he noted that we are close to resolving the issues to move forward. **MSC Krueger/Ramos recommends the City of Neenah and City of Menasha Common Council approve the purchase of three new MDC's and related equipment for a total of \$17,897.25, all voting aye.**

Request to perform corrosion work for Engine 35: Chief Auxier noted that these funds have been put into the 2012 Capital Budget and this is to repair the corrosion and to extend the life of our vehicles. Ald. Sevenich asked if we have this specked out when we purchase the vehicles. Chief Auxier noted that these vehicles are over 15 years old and it is to extend the life of the vehicle versus replacing it with a new vehicle. Ald. Stevenson asked why the quotes were exclusive to Pierce Manufacturing and how much of a benefit it is for Pierce being the choice vendor. Chief Auxier stated it's the quality of their work, it's easier to maintain since these are Pierce engines and parts are more readily available for repair. They are the only fire apparatus repair facility that will allow us to get this done in a timely fashion and are close to our Department. **MSC Krueger/Ahles to recommend the City of Neenah and City of Menasha Common Council's approve the corrosion repair work for Engine 35 and Engine 36 through Pierce for a total of \$15,564.00 for Engine 35 and \$13,635.00 for Engine 36, all voting aye.**

**MSC Stevenson/Ramos to adjourn at 6:10 p.m., all voting aye.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Al Auxier  
Chief

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