

PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING TASK FORCE COMMITTEE
Minutes

April 13,2020

Brillion City Center

10:00 AM

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairperson Sonnabend called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

ROLL CALL:

Present were Chairperson Gerald Sonnabend, Coree Wallander, Mark Evel, Joe Levash and Mark Olsen. Also present were Mayor Edinger City Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer Lori Gosz, Fire Chief Joey Diener, Public Works Director Andy Geiger, and Police Chief Kirk Schend.

GUESTS: Phil Cosson, Mary Kohrell and Trevor Frank (via GoToMeeting)

APPROVE OF MINUTES-March 30, 2020:

MOTION - Wallander moved to approve the minutes of March 30, 2020 Task Force Committee meeting. Seconded by Evel. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING PROJECT- REVIEW ESTIMNATED COST AND FINANCING OPTIONS:

Olsen handed out options A, B and C. Diener explained they are (3) layouts with (3) different costs. He explained at the last meeting it was suggested to invite Mary Kohrell and Phil Cosson to discuss with the Committee what financial options we have. The idea was to bring a recommendation to City Council, however with COVID-19, and many tax payers out of work, it would not be good to bring it to a referendum.

Levash asked Phil Cosson about financial options. Cosson state the idea of a referendum is a political decision. The financing will not dictate if it needs to go to a referendum. He suggested it could be finance through a revenue/lease based issue through the USDA. The USDA program has a 3.375% rate; Baraboo has done this in the past. We can finance for longer than 20 years, can go up to 40 years. This would help with affordability. The USDA program would be an option due to City debt limit. A referendum would not be required. He suggested borrowing through the RDA. It would be similar to what we are doing with the City Center through the IPR Group.

Cosson ran the cost analysis over 30 years. He looked at City current debt, there is a significant drop from year 2023-2024, then another in 2027. These would be the years the City may want to take on debt. This would manage the impact to the tax payers. You could do a short term borrowing for the project costs, then finance through USDA in 2023-2024. It would be manageable. Phil could provide this in more detailed model for the Council's review. Cosson stated there could be a timing issue due to COVID-19, however there may be more money available through stimulus.

Mayor Ediner stated there are other capital needs of the City. Cosson agreed this should be built into the City's capital plans. Cosson stated he has heard of some stimulus funding. Kohrell

agreed with Cosson about the USDA funding. She explained Frank Frassetto and Jeff Hudson from the USDA were already at the BW site, and seemed quite interested in the project. She suggested that CDBG funds maybe are another possibility, but is yet to be determined. Olson stated he has been talking to Seth at Cedar Corp. regarding money for the stream restoration and asked if this will conflict. Kohrell stated it is important for Cosson to know what projects and funding are being considered.

NEXT STEPS-PROVIDE CONSULTANT DIRECTION.

Sonnabend stated it is important for Cosson to be aware of what funding is being considered for the BW project. Olson stated a TEA Grant Application for the street has not been applied for yet, they are finalizing job numbers.

Levash asked if the RDA doesn't have assets, how can they do borrowing? Cosson stated the USDA does allow for this, they need to make sure that it is confirmed with the USDA. Cosson questioned project costs. Frank stated he will get estimated costs on (3) different layouts to Cosson. Olson asked if a private and public partnership would help bring costs to the City down. Cosson stated this may be a problem. He suggested Kohrell to set up a call with the USDA and then share with the Task Force at the next meeting. If there is stimulus money available, we need to get our applications in.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

Review cost and financial options for a recommendation to City Council by May 26, 2020.

SET NEXT MEETING DATE:

May 11th at 10:00 am.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 am.

Lori M. Gosz
Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer