

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
CITY OF WISCONSIN DELLS
MUNICIPAL BUILDING ~ 300 LA CROSSE STREET
WISCONSIN DELLS, WI 53965
OCTOBER 14, 2025

Chairperson Holzem called the meeting to order at 1:30PM. Notice of the meeting was provided to the *Dells Events*, WNNO Radio, and posted in accordance with State Statutes.

1. Present: Ald. Brian Holzem, Mayor Ed Wojnicz, and
 Ald. Terry Marshall

 Excused: Ald. Mike Freel

 Others: City Administrator Karen Terry, City Clerk/Treasurer Lisa McClyman, BID
 Chairperson Tara Anchor, Library Director Cathy Borck and Director of
 Public Works Chris Tollaksen
2. Motion by Ald. Marshall seconded by Mayor Wojnicz to approve the minutes of the
October 7, 2025 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.
3. BID Chairperson Tara Anchor presented the proposed 2026 BID Budget with a zero
percent increase to the assessments, but using \$34,020 of the designated surplus to cover
the 2026 expenses.

Library Director Cathy Borck presented the proposed 2026 operating budget for the Kilbourn Library which included a 2.76% increase (\$18,785) in expenses due to salary increases and health insurance increase for employees.

City Administrator Karen Terry presented the 2026 Parking Utility budget with a 0% decrease in revenue and expenses. The General Fund contribution for 2026 from Parking revenue will increase to \$371,310 and \$235,000 will be reserved for future capital improvements to the utility.

Director of Public Works Chris Tollaksen presented the proposed 2026 operating budget for the Public Works Department with a 2.34% (\$37,455) increase in expenses.

The proposed 2026 operating budgets for City Utility Departments included an increase in revenue due to rate cases preformed in 2025. Expenses are up to operational needs and wage and benefit increases.

Tollaksen provided a 5-year projection and review of protentional DPW-PRT projects.

Administrator Terry presented the 2026 operating budget for the new Downtown Event Management Fund. The BID will contribute \$181,270 and the City PRT will contribute \$68,045 in addition to \$62,240 in eared revenue to operate the Downtown Event Management fund. Terry noted this will be the first year of operations with a new management company and adjustments to the budget may be needed as we learn more about operations.

Administrator Terry presented the 2026 operating budgets for Administration, Building & Grounds with an overall increase in expenditures of 2.58% Terry noted the increase in General Transportation Aid of \$118,400.

Terry presented the Debt Service budget with a 4.65% (\$38,235) increase in levied property taxes for 2026. Terry also reviewed all City debt including TID and Utility debt service payments.

Terry presented the 2026 PRT requests from all departments. Terry requested the Parks request for Riverwalk expenditures be applied to TID #3 as previously determined. Terry noted Lake Delton has verbally approved a 50%/50% split to replace the Bookmobile.

Terry presented the 2026 Room Tax budget stating Room tax was down slightly YTD in 2025 but requested a \$25,000 increase in the City's portion of the revenue for 2026 noting the DellShire Resort is scheduled to open in Spring of 2026.

Terry provided the Committee with a summary of all the major changes to the General Fund noting an overall decrease of .61% or \$22,355 for the 2026 Tax Levy.

4. Administrator Terry requested bringing all budget updates to the October 20th meeting for an official recommendation to the Common Council.
5. Motion by Mayor Wojnicz seconded by Ald. Marshall to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 3:55 PM.

Karen Terry, City Administrator