

**FINANCE COMMITTEE
COUNCIL ROOM, CITY HALL
SEPTEMBER 9, 2025
7:43 P.M.**

The Finance Committee met in the Council Room of City Hall, Mayor Poeschel presiding. On roll call: all members present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were declared approved.

Discussion followed on State Revenues; Supplemental Aid payments; Personal Property Aid payments as revenue and then Subtracted from the Levy (\$45,385.96); net new construction growth of 1.449% (\$16,460); adjusting the levy limit freeze for new debt service (new City Hall building; DPW vehicles and equipment, and a possible new loan for construction renovations and equipment); a 0.0% health insurance increase; Wisconsin Retirement System rate changes – Protective decreasing from 15.01% to 14.80% and General increasing from 6.95% to 7.20%; garbage and recycling costs increases; IT services increases; City Attorney cost increases; Police Union contract increases; non-union wage increases; the Wisconsin Department of Revenue Maintenance of Effort (MOE) reporting requiring that law enforcement, fire and EMS services provided were equivalent to the level that were previously provided.

Discussion on the budget. The Committee consensus was to direct department heads and committees to create their budget requests with hold the line as much as possible in light of the levy limit and known costs increases.

Discussion on the Personnel Committee meeting of August 20, 2025 recommendation to budget a 3% wage increase for non-union employees and to set the Chief of Police salary at \$80,000 (before the 3%).

Motion Petkovsek, second Rochester, to receive and file the Personnel Committee wage recommendation as presented. All Aye.

Discussion followed on the meeting schedule:

Thursday, October 2, 2025 at 9:00 A.M.	-	Police/Fire/Ambulance Public Works/Airport/Cemetery/Parks Beautification/Heritage Days/Historic Preservation Recreation/Library/Economic Development City Hall/Clerk-Treasurer/Administration
Tuesday, October 7, 2025 at 4:00 P.M.	-	Any of the above not done at the first meeting Work on Finalizing Budget
Thursday, October 9, 2025 at 5:00 P.M.	-	Work on Finalizing Budget
Monday, October 13, 2025 at 4:00 P.M.	-	Work on Finalizing Budget
Wednesday, October 15, 2025 at 9:00 A.M.	-	Backup date if necessary

Discussion followed on the public hearing dates-the regular Tuesday meeting date of November 11, 2025 has been moved to Monday, November 10, 2025. This schedule would meet the publication time frame.

Motion Gelhaus, second Neville, to set the budget meeting schedule as presented. All Aye.

Motion Rochester, second Neville, to adjourn. All Aye.

Duane G. Poeschel, Mayor

Rex R. Roehl, Clerk