

**TRANSIT COMMITTEE
COUNCIL ROOM, CITY HALL
106 W. DIVISION STREET
THURSDAY, JUNE 6, 2024
4:00 P.M.**

The Transit Committee meeting was called to order by Chair William Neville. On roll call: William Neville, Daniel Clough, Kory Poeschel and Amber Vine.

Also present: Mayor Duane Poeschel, Director of Public Works Luke Friemoth, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Michelle Grap and City Clerk-Treasurer Rex R. Roehl.

Chair Neville declared the minutes of the June 4, 2018 meeting approved as filed with the City Clerk. It was noted that none of the Committee members from 2018 remain on the Committee and that the Clark County Social Services staff from 2018 are also no longer involved.

City Clerk Roehl presented the following background information:

- 1) The taxi service was approved by the Common Council in the Fall of 1997, with ridership beginning January 1, 1998.
- 2) The 2024 taxi service daily hours for:

Taxi #1-M, T, W, TH, F	16 hours
-Saturday	15 hours
-Sunday	11 hours
Taxi#2-M, T, TH, F	9 hours
-W	10 hours

- 3) The current taxi fares were approved on September 23, 2008-effective January 1, 2009
- 4) Agency fares were approved and added on October 13, 2015-effective January 1, 2016
- 5) The 2024 hourly rate paid to Abby Vans per taxi is \$42.45 per hour
- 6) The 2024 budget is:

Expenses	\$ 338,959	
Less: fares	<u>- 38,523</u>	
Project Deficit	\$ 300,436	100.00%
Less: Federal State Aids	<u>- 165,961</u>	<u>55.24%</u>
City Share on Levy	<u>\$ 134,475</u>	<u>44.76%</u>

- 7) From 1998 to 2012 the City ran its own taxi service contract with the State of Wisconsin; however when the 2010 census dropped the City's population below 2,500 we were no longer allowed to be the lead agency, a cooperative agreement with the Clark County Social Services Department and the City of Stanley was set up, with Clark County being the lead agency and the City receives the Federal/State aids as a pass thru from the County.

Discussion followed.

City Clerk Roehl presented information on ridership that was prepared at budget time last year:

- 1) Three months of ridership by day and hour of the day
- 2) Three months of ridership by day and hour of the day-designating the hours which were “zero” or no ridership and hours which showed ridership of three or more riders per hour
- 3) Three months of customer counts and revenue break down by class-Adult, child, senior, agency, parcel, etc.

Discussion followed on cutting of hours and/or days, eliminating the taxi service completely-can we afford to provide this service with the State levy limits and other increasing costs. (garbage collection, streets, wages, etc.)

Discussion followed on how many people actually use the service-is it multiple people or the same people multiple times; would the Clark County Taxi step up; who are the clientele we are trying to serve and are other options available.

The consensus of the Committee was to review the information and set up another meeting with Clark County Social Services personnel.

Motion Poeschel, second Vine, to adjourn. All Aye.

William Neville, Chair

Rex R. Roehl, Clerk-Treasurer