

**FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
CITY HALL
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2026
6:00 P.M.**

The Finance Committee met in the Council Room of City Hall, Mayor Poeschel presiding. On roll call: Bill Neville, Barb Petkovsek, Donna Pavlac and Dan Clough. Absent: Rolly Gelhaus.

Also Present: Administrator/Director of Public Works Luke Friemoth and City Clerk Treasurer Debbie Winder

The minutes of the previous meeting were declared approved.

Mayor Poeschel called for appearances – there were none.

Administrator/Director of Public Works Friemoth presented our net new construction growth of 1.329% that should amount to the same dollars as last year (2026- \$16,460.00). The Department of Revenue will release the levy limit worksheet later this week on Friday, September 11, 2026 to get the final number; a 0.0% health insurance increase; 2.5% dental insurance increase; Wisconsin Retirement System rate changes – Protective decreasing from 14.70% to 14.35% and General increasing from 7.20% to 7.25%; garbage and recycling costs increases; IT services increases; and other unforeseen increases as we work through our budget.

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 cost increases.

Discussion on non-union salaries and benefits. The Committee consensus was to include a 2.5% wage increase for both union and non-union employees.

Discussion followed on setting the next Finance Committee Meeting date. The Committee consensus was to set the next Committee meetings as follows:

Wednesday, September 30, 2026 at 8:30 A.M. - Police/Fire/Ambulance/Public Works
Airport/Cemetery/Parks/Beautification
Heritage Days/Historic Preservation
Recreation/Library/Economic Development
City Hall/Clerk-Treasurer/Administration
Wednesday, October 7, 2026 at 8:30 A.M. - Any of the above not done at the first meeting
Work on Finalizing Budget

Administrator/Director of Public Works Friemoth stated that later dates can always be added if needed but typically we do not need more than 2 meetings.

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

Duane G. Poeschel, Mayor

Luke Friemoth, City Administrator