

CITY OF SPARTA
FINANCE MEETING AGENDA
BUDGET
October 5, 2016

CITY HALL

6:00 p.m.

1. Call Meeting to Order
2. Consent Agenda: Consisting of the minutes of the regular meeting on September 7, 2016
3. Consideration of Tourism Funds
Downtown Co-op - \$3,000.00
4. Consideration of Reimbursement of Deductible on Sewer Backup on Evenson Dr.
5. Budget Presentations and Discussion
 - Debt Service
 - Police (including equipment & outlay)
 - Parks (equipment, outlay, cc, rec center, etc.)
 - DPW (including equipment & outlay)
 - Infrastructure
 - Outlay
 - Equipment
 - Miscellaneous
6. Adjourn

A possible quorum of the Common Council may be in attendance at this meeting but no action will be taken by the Council.

Posted: 10-3-16

CITY OF SPARTA
FINANCE MINUTES
September 7, 2016

PRESENT: Kevin Riley, Norm Stanek, Josh Lydon (arrived at 6:18)

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Mark Sund, Todd Fahning, Dave Kuderer, Ed Lukasek, Mayor Button, Pat Mulvaney

Chairman Riley called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Norm Stanek and seconded by Kevin Riley to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of the minutes of the regular meeting of August 10, 2016. Motion carried 2-0.

We went on to item #5

Mark gave a short update on the budget. Our expenses are up a bit and the levy is up to 6.7%. Budget meetings will be scheduled.

Item #4 was not discussed

Item #3 dealt with a donation to Aviation Heritage Center of Wisconsin. The gentleman requesting this was not present so the Committee had little details on this. No action taken.

A motion was made by Josh Lydon and seconded by Norm Stanek to hold the budget sessions on October 4th and October 5th. Motion carried 3-0. (Josh arrived here)

Items mentioned for future consideration were:

Business Park update

Osborne Drive may be open for bids possibly by next week

A motion was made by Josh Lydon and seconded by Norm Stanek to adjourn at 6:23 p.m. Motion carried 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Hanson
City Clerk

Request for Matching Funds
Presented to the Finance Committee
City of Sparta City Council
October 4, 2016

Requestor: The Downtown Cooperative

Amount Requested: \$3000.00

Background: The Downtown Cooperative was formed in the Spring of 2015 to improve the condition of Downtown Sparta and generate interest and retail traffic in Sparta's Historic District. Since its inception, the Cooperative has:

- persuaded several downtown businesses to take advantage of the Façade Loan Program;
- staged live outdoor music performances throughout the area in the Spring and Summer seasons;
- encouraged local crafters to vend their wares on Water Street during designated weekends;
- worked closely with the Chamber of Commerce to enhance marketing, promotion and participation in new and traditional downtown events, such as Krazy Days and the Fall Festival.

Perhaps the greatest accomplishment, however, was the construction of seven chalet-style booths and a stage area in the empty lot on Water Street, and the advent of a traditional German-style holiday market in December of 2015: the Sparta Kriskindlmarkt.

The city has since acquired the lot. The use of the chalet-style booths has been adopted by the newly re-located Farmers' Market and other special events scheduled in the park area.

The overall result of these endeavors has contributed significantly to meeting the Cooperative's mission: improved appearance and increased interest and retail traffic in the area.

Specific Request: The enthusiasm and magic that the Kriskindlmarkt generated last December (attendance topped over 1,000 over two weekends) have spurred volunteer coordinators to extend the event to 3 weekends this year. The overwhelming popularity of the horse-drawn wagon rides from the Kriskindlmarkt area to the Lights in the Park (Evans-Bossard Park) indicates the need for an additional wagon and team. Modifications must be made to the stage area to provide over-hang protection for props and performers in the event of rain/snow.

The upfront financial requirements for staging and improving the 2016 Kriskindlmarkt will exceed our resources, and we are requesting that tourism funds be distributed to our group in the amount of the above request.

We are matching the request with our own labor and funds to ensure that the Kriskindlmarkt can continue as an annual Sparta Holiday tradition. Any support that can be made available is appreciated.

Impact on Tourism: The success of our inaugural Kriskindlmarkt has spurred interest and pride in downtown Sparta on behalf of not only local citizens, but of citizens throughout the region. The Chamber of Commerce and Kriskindlmarkt Committee are already responding the inquiries from regional magazines and media about the 2016 event. The Downtown Cooperative is confident that the Kriskindlmarkt will attract even more interest in 2016, drawing even more tourists to our fine community.

Amy Haldeman

From: Amy Haldeman <ask1142@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 27, 2016 9:56 AM
To: Amy Haldeman
Subject: Fwd: Claim # 98-2-5714
Attachments: image001.jpg

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Aspenson, Roger" <RAspenson@hastingsmutual.com>
Date: September 26, 2016 at 11:32:01 AM CDT
To: Amy Haldeman <ask1142@yahoo.com>
Subject: RE: Claim # 98-2-5714

Claim 98-2-5714
DOL 9/8/16
Subject Sewer Backup

Amy

I received you documentation and I am issuing payment for the loss as follows:

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| ServiceMaster mitigation | \$5380.56 |
| Personal Property Inventory | \$2156.99 |
| Builder Flooring | \$524.04 |
| Keith Evenson Homes | \$250.00 |
| Total Loss | \$8311.59 |
| Less Deductible | -\$625.00 |
| Final Payment | \$7686.59 |

\$ 875.00

If you have any questions or if there is anything I am missing please let me know.

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