

**CITY OF SPARTA
FINANCE AGENDA
December 9, 2020**

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6:00 p.m.

- 1. Call Meeting to Order**
- 2. Consent Agenda: Consisting of minutes of the regular meeting on November 4, 2020.**
- 3. Consideration of Enterprise Fleet Proposal**
- 4. Consideration of Request for Payment to Michelle Brueggen for sewer backup for property located at 813 S. Water St. that occurred on August 11, 2020**
- 5. Items for Future Consideration**
- 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: 12-8-2020

CITY OF SPARTA
FINANCE MINUTES
November 4, 2020

PRESENT: Kevin Riley, Norm Stanek, Josh Lydon

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Mark Sund, Todd Fahning, Matthew Hoffland, Brad Gilbertson, Emilee Nottestad, Corey Johnson, Dennis Johnson, Mark Van Wormer, Todd Hanson, Ben from Enterprise Fleet

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

A motion was made by Josh Lydon and seconded by Norm Stanek to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of the minutes of the regular meeting of October 7, 2020 and minutes of the Budget/Finance meeting on October 6, 2020. Motion carried 3-0.

Ben from Enterprise Fleet gave a presentation that could help the City save some money on our vehicles by either leasing to own or to sell them every 2 to 5 years. They have been around since 1957 and now have about 1400 government agents as clients. The government agencies do get higher discounts with this program. They would designate a group of our older vehicles to sell and we would get that number of newer vehicles. We would pay an upfront fee and then make payments either for 36, 48 or 60 months. When they sell a newer vehicle, the City would get the equity amount towards another vehicle or the City can use that extra for other things. By having newer vehicles, there would be low maintenance and lower fuel costs. There is no commitment or any length of time that we would have to stay with this company. They would meet with us yearly to see how things are going and if we want to continue the program. This would help alleviate departments budgeting every year for a new truck as this would be included in our budget for Enterprise Fleet so our budget for this should remain the same every year. **A motion was made by Josh Lydon and seconded by Norm Stanek to go move forward with Enterprise Fleet and come back with options for the City. Motion carried 3-0.**

A motion was made by Kevin Riley and seconded by Josh Riley to take a recess at 6:45 so Planning Commission could do their meeting. Motion carried 3-0.

The Finance Committee reconvened at 6:56.

Mark went over the budget as some line items were rearranged. Last year's tax levy rate was 7.08% and now is looking like our rate will be about 5.72%. There will be a public hearing on the budget on December 2, at 6:30 p.m.

There were no items mentioned for future consideration.

A motion by roll call vote was conducted to go into closed session per Wis. Stats. 19.85 (1)(c) considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. Regarding wages for cashier, city billing clerk, finance accounting clerk and deputy city clerk/com dev. admin assistant. Josh Lydon – yes; Norm Stanek – yes; Kevin Riley – yes.

A motion by roll call vote was conducted to go back into open session at 7:40. Josh Lydon – yes; Norm Stanek – yes; Kevin Riley – yes.

A motion was made by Norm Stanek and seconded by Josh Lydon to adjourn at 6:19 p.m. Motion carried 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Hanson,
City Clerk

November 13, 2020

To Whom It May Concern:

On August 11, I noticed sewage back-up in my basement. B&B Plumbing was called, and they arrived the next day(August 12). They attempted to snake the plumbing from my house to the street. They were not able to get the sewage to drain. It kept coming into the basement. The city was called, and it was determined that the sewer main was blocked up the street from my house. Once the sewer main was cleared by the city workers, the sewage drained from the basement, but I was left with sludge covering the entire basement. I called Servpro to clean and sanitize my basement. I had property that had to be discarded because of sanitary purposes. I lost clothing, shoes, hunting boots, miscellaneous hunting equipment, canning jars, two clothes cabinets, clothing dresser, dehumidifier, and

other small items. The next week, Coulee Refrigeration checked the motors in my furnace, freezer, and refrigerator for water damage. They determined that they were in working order.

Michelle Brueggen
Michelle Brueggen
813 S. Water St.
Sparta, WI 54656

julie hanson

From: Dale Passehl <WWTP@spartawisconsin.onmicrosoft.com>
Sent: Monday, October 26, 2020 10:57 AM
To: julie hanson
Subject: RE: sewer backup

Yes 813 south water

From: julie hanson <clerk@spartawisconsin.org>
Sent: Monday, October 26, 2020 09:42
To: Dale Passehl <WWTP@spartawisconsin.onmicrosoft.com>
Subject: RE: sewer backup

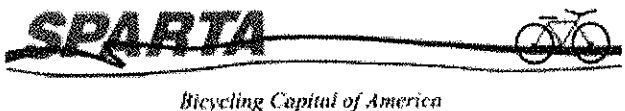
Dale, this one was on S. Water Street.

From: Dale Passehl <WWTP@spartawisconsin.onmicrosoft.com>
Sent: Monday, October 26, 2020 9:30 AM
To: julie hanson <clerk@spartawisconsin.org>
Subject: RE: sewer backup

Scott and I went out on this call. The manhole 24.14 was backed up ½ way up the manhole. Jetting the main from downstream remedied the plug which was due to grease issues we've been working on, on South Main for the previous couple months.

Thank you

Dale Passehl
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From: julie hanson <clerk@spartawisconsin.org>
Sent: Monday, October 26, 2020 09:03
To: Dale Passehl <WWTP@spartawisconsin.onmicrosoft.com>
Subject: sewer backup

Hi Dale, while I was out on medical leave there was apparently a sewer backup for Michelle Brueggen at 813 S. Water Street. I'm writing her a letter to find out some details....she has already

provided me with a bill from Servpro and a letter from her insurance company stating that she does not have sewer backup insurance. Just wondering if you could fill me in on what happened.

Thanks,

Julie Hanson

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