

FINANCE AND INSURANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES FROM MARCH 16, 2021

1. **Committee Chairperson Kowalski called** the regular City of Marinette Finance & Insurance Committee meeting **to order** at 04:00 PM in Common Council Chambers, City Hall, 1905 Hall Ave., Marinette WI.
2. **Upon a call of the roll** it was determined a quorum of Committee members were present and the following attendance was recorded:
MEMBERS PRESENT: Alderpersons Kowalski, Polzin (via go to meeting), Keller, Hitt and Skorik.
ABSENT: None
OTHERS PRESENT: Mayor Genisot; City Attorney Gagan; Judge Noppenberg; Finance Director/City Treasurer Jackie Miller; Executive Recreation Director Gavin Scray, Superintendent of Public Works Pat Carlson, Alderperson Oitzinger (via-go to meeting), Jan Kust, Krista Martin, Tom Bero, Sherry Grandaw, Jim Callow & John Liesveld.
3. **Approval of City of Marinette Finance and Insurance Committee regular meeting minutes from January 19, 2021.**
Alderperson Skorik moved/Hitt seconded and all concurred to **approve** the regular meeting minutes as presented from January 19, 2021.
4. **Consideration and approval of January 2021 expenditures.**
Alderpersons Polzin moved/Skorik seconded and all concurred, to recommend the Common Council approve, as submitted, payment of January 2021 expenditures.
5. **Consideration and approval of the February 2021 expenditures.**
Alderpersons Hitt moved/Polzin seconded and all concurred, to recommend the Common Council approve, as submitted, payment of February 2021 expenditures.
6. **Consideration and approval of the January and February 2021 budget reports.**
Alderpersons Keller moved/Skorik seconded and all concurred, to **accept**, as presented, City of Marinette's City Treasurer's year-to-date CY 2021 budget report reflecting expenditures & revenues through February 2021.
- 6a. **Discussion regarding recreation finances.**
Finance Director Miller distributed a combined report that shows revenues and expenses for a 6-year period. Miller stated the information that was given at the Parks & Recreation committee meeting for the REC facility was an operational budget and there is a difference between an operational budget and a financial budget, a financial budget takes into consideration capital expenditures, cash, assets and projects out into the future. An operational budget addresses income, expenses and the operations. Per the Accounting manual, it states transfers to other funds are not expenditures and are not a budgetary entry, they are to be segregated and labeled as estimated for other finance uses. All reports are generated through the system and nothing can be added or subtracted by the Finance Director. Operationally the REC facility was only \$29,700.00 in the hole. Mayor Genisot stated that working with Ehlers the debt is structured so as debt falls off and donations go down, the revenues for the REC facility will go up and the tax payers will not take on the burden. On top of a new 16-million-dollar facility the city continues to still run the pool and this year a new lighted outdoor skating rink at the Civic Center and funds the baseball fields along with the maintenance of such. Alderperson Kowalski also stated recreation is a service just like, garbage, water, police and fire and the city does not expect to break even with these services. Most states recreation is subsidized by taxes and at this point we have not had to raise taxes, and it's hard to make projections forward in the future especially with Covid. Alderperson Keller reiterated Kowalski's comments stating recreation services does not necessarily make money, and has been talked about in the past. Alderperson Polzin stated all of the reports distributed are consistent with what has been provided in the past to the Common Council, the expenses were all planned. The facility is something everyone in the county has been looking forward to, even with construction issues and Covid the facility has continued to progress, and will not be an unnecessary burden on the tax payers and agrees with Alderperson Kowalski the REC facility will probably never break-even but the Council will continue to work to close the gap between revenue and expenses.
7. **Finance Director's Report.**

Finance Director Miller reported the audit is complete. The auditors were here for four days verifying records and only found 1 entry to correct and is a client entry in which Miller found and was a check from the State of WI that was deposited electronically into the wrong account. A preliminary statement after the audit shows that the city is \$314,000.00 to the good. Miller stated the city continually puts money back into the fund balance. Miller thanked all of the Department heads for being mindful, working together and managing their budgets.

8. Topics or items for next meeting agenda.

None requested

9. Adjournment.

Alderpersons Hitt moved/[Skorik](#) seconded and all concurred to adjourn at [04:21](#) p.m.

Lana Bero, City Clerk

(The next regularly scheduled Finance & Insurance Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, [April 19, 2021](#) @ 4:00 PM in the Common Council Chambers)