

## FINANCE

Wednesday, March 3, 2021 – 5:30 p.m.

via Zoom

Present: Members: Chairman Witte, Vice Chairman Crawford, Alderman Panus, Alderman Gonzalez, Alderman Robinson, and Alderman Anastasia. Others: Mayor William Aiello; Fred Saradin, City Auditor; Bob Ring, Director of Public Works; Tim Richardson, Fire Chief; Ron Richardson, Police Chief, and Tiffany Taylor, Managerial Confidential Administrative Secretary.

### 1. Roll Call

Alderman Witte called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and asked that the record show that all committee members were present.

### 2. Unfinished Business

None

### 3. New Referrals for Consideration

#### a. Discussion – Budget 2021-2022

##### i. Police Department

Chief Ron Richardson explained that his budget is pretty straightforward, and that the main increase is for the costs associated with the leasing of police cars. He explained that if the leases were not in the budget, then the total overall would have gone down by \$6,126 from last year.

Alderman Crawford asked how many police cars are in the fleet, and Chief Ron Richardson explained that there are seven marked cars, one unmarked for himself and two unmarked cars for investigations. Alderman Crawford asked if we have the four leased vehicles that are included in the budget, and Chief Richardson responded that we do not. He explained that he was just notified by Enterprise that the vehicles are being built and we will have the first two probably sometime in April. Alderman Witte asked when the second vehicles would arrive, and Chief Richardson responded that they will not arrive until probably after June.

Chief Ron Richardson explained that the budget includes the lease payment for the next year for four vehicles, plus the cost of upfitting two. Mayor Aiello noted that we already have money for the first two, and if we do not get them before the budget expires we will encumber the funds so that we can make payments.

Alderman Witte asked if the personal service line is down because officers retired and new ones were brought in, and Chief Ron Richardson explained that this is the case and that there

was a savings of \$14,419. Alderman Witte asked how many new people were brought on and Chief Richardson responded that three have been brought on since July. Mr. Saradin noted that the \$2,131,249 reflects no pay increases because of ongoing negotiations with the unions.

Alderman Crawford asked if \$25,000 is enough for parking enforcement since it seems that the personal service line was higher in the past, and Chief Ron Richardson responded that because of COVID an additional part time worker was not put on last year, which is where this savings is. Alderman Witte asked about the Court Security increase, and Chief Richardson explained that they are receiving a pay increase but that we are reimbursed by the State for their wages. Mr. Saradin explained that there will be a reflected increase in the revenue section to mirror this increase. He explained that these are 1 to 1 match positions and we are not affected by their increases.

Alderman Crawford asked if the City is reimbursed by the school for the School Resource Officers. Mayor Aiello explained that the School Resource Officer is a 50/50 split of cost with the school, while Special Patrol Officers have their entire wages reimbursed by the school. He explained that it is our obligation to train them, as well as split the uniform cost 50/50 with the school.

Alderman Witte asked if the cost for officer's cell phones at the school are under the school or us. Chief Ron Richardson explained that Special Patrol Officers get radios, and only investigators have phones. Mayor Aiello explained that there are some places in the school that the SRO radio doesn't work so a repeater was put there so the radio would function. He explained that this is paid for us under the phone budget. Chief Richardson noted that the cost is about \$92 a month.

Alderman Crawford asked about the retirement benefits in the budget versus the NYS Police Pension line. Mayor Aiello explained that this line is a contractual obligation with the Police Department. He explained that \$53,995 is paid per year into a fund to aid with the cost of hospitalization for retired officers. He explained that it is labeled as a retirement benefit but it is actually a benefit for retired police officers to use towards hospitalization. He noted that the Fire Department's union and CSEA also get similar payments.

Alderman Witte asked if the Street Crimes Unit is involved in the Drug Task Force ran by the County. Chief Ron Richardson explained that the Street Crimes Unit is just for the City of Olean. Alderman Witte asked what that entails, and Chief Richardson explained that this portion of the budget contains funding for the leasing of vehicles and to be used for drug buys. He explained that there is also software for the unit. Alderman Robinson asked when the Street Crimes Unit will come back, and Chief Richardson responded that as soon as he can fill the two spots in

patrol with new officers he can bring it back. He noted that he spoke with the Mayor regarding this earlier in the day, and he will reach out to the Aldermen.

Alderman Robinson explained that there are some things that were discussed in the Police Reform Committee and he wonders what things will cost and if they were included in this budget. Chief Richardson explained that he didn't want to put funding into the budget until we know for sure what we are creating. Alderman Robinson asked about accreditation, and Mayor Aiello explained that he had talked to the Chief about this. He explained that most of it is going to involve time, and there is not a lot of monetary expense. He explained that it is a matter of assigning someone to do the paperwork but it will be covered by the department's normal hours. He noted that it will probably take about a year to get this done.

Alderman Anastasia asked about the miscellaneous fees for services, and Chief Ron Richardson explained that this is for different things such as the monthly random blood draw, investigators software, the fingerprinting device, Verizon fleet GPS, a timekeeping system, a video recording system, prisoner meals, towing, and interpreter costs, among other things.

Alderman Anastasia asked if we still have a Bingo inspector, and Chief Ron Richardson explained that we do. Mayor Aiello explained that he is not sure if Bingo is coming back or not, so this is possibly something that can be removed before this budget is over.

Chief Richardson explained that the personal service line in dispatch is down. He explained that there was a full time dispatcher that was out for a while, so money was saved when the position was filled by two part time employees. He explained that \$7,792 was saved on this line and everything else is pretty much the same. He explained that we previously had to come up with money for new computers in dispatch. He noted that the cost for these sorts of services has gone up exponentially and that the cost to have someone come look at a computer system was over \$300 for travel only.

Alderman Witte explained that several years ago the Council funded a change in the department so that we can be on the same radio band as the County and she asked where we are with that change. Chief Ron Richardson explained that we are still working on this and that we have tried it a few times but it is not working the way that it should so far.

Alderman Witte asked how many people are in dispatch, and Chief Richardson responded that there are five full time employees and two part time. Alderman Crawford asked if the positions for the patrolman are in the budget, and Chief Richardson explained that they are.

## ii. Fire Department

Chief Tim Richardson began by explaining that he moved some expenses around to allocate line items better. He explained that overall his personal service line went down because of new firefighters who were hired and cost less than those who retired, He explained that overtime also went down because more firefighters were brought on.

Chief Tim Richardson explained that the other big change that the Council will see is in computer software. He explained that previously there were five different software drivers and this has been scaled back into a municipal solutions, ESO and target solution. He explained that starting next week the department will push the fire side for safety inspections and property maintenance. He explained that this will allow the department to share the data back and forth to build a plan. He noted that this is a big part of our ISO rating.

Chief Richardson explained that the New York State Bureau of EMS, due to COVID, has given everyone a one year extension on the recertification of their EMT cards. He explained that this is good but that the line item for the cost of recertification is temporarily higher because we are not able to voucher the State right now for the funding that they would normally provide to aid in the recertification costs.

Chief Tim Richardson explained that public safety equipment has experienced a substantial jump. He explained that we will be losing ten air bottles this year which will cost \$800 each to replace if we do not receive the grant that was applied for. He explained that the bottles have to be replaced at the end of their serviceable life. He explained that if we get the grant this will not be an issue but we need to plan as if we are not getting the grant.

Chief Richardson noted that in December our Hazard Mitigation Plan was updated, and it seems that windstorm utility knockout is where we are most vulnerable. He explained that we have some shorting materials, but part of this line is for the cost of a rescue jack system. He will be putting in for another grant down the road for this. Materials for swift water training are also addressed here.

Chief Tim Richardson stated that he did a five year lookback on light and power costs and as Central Fire has been moved to energy efficient lighting and most of Fire Station 1 has been converted, he has found a lot of energy and cost savings. Building repairs is up and this is for miscellaneous repairs such as fixing windows and door and painting things, as these things have not been done in quite some time.

Chief Richardson explained that money has also been set aside for work down at the Fire Tower. He explained that they have worked with Public Works to straighten the fence, remove the brush and take out the burnt out trailer. \$2,000 has been set aside for repairs.

Chief Tim Richardson explained that there is funding in auto repairs for the potential repair of the engine 40 pump. He explained that they are still evaluating this to see what needs to be done, and they hope to get a second opinion and go from there. Miscellaneous fees for service is for aerial testing, pump testing and ladder testing. He noted that preventative maintenance such as this saved the City a lot of money on the aerial.

Chief Richardson explained that money has been budgeted for the grant match for a recently applied for grant. He explained that they will always come to the Council for a resolution to apply for a grant since showing that the Mayor and Council are behind the grant application strengthens our chances of receiving the funding.

Chief Richardson explained that half of the cost for the paramedic program at UPMC is under travel and training, which is typically split through two years so that it does not have such a dramatic hit. He explained that there are four potential retirements so four potential new hires that would have to be trained at the academy. He noted that the retirement sick leave benefit has been in the budget for quite some time and that there is \$18,201 budgeted.

Alderman Witte asked if the software used when there is a call tells if the structure is occupied or unoccupied. Chief Richardson explained that plaques on the building designate this. He noted that the software can do a lot for the department and it is a time saver. Alderman Witte explained that if we know hazards ahead of time we can take precautions.

Chief Tim Richardson explained that software is stored off site and all servers are off site. He explained that the company that we use does a lot of updates for us.

Chief Tim Richardson explained that there is an increase in personal service in safety inspection because a LISC grant was aiding in the cost of one Code Enforcement Officer, and the grant is running out with no new grant to apply for at this time. He explained that the grant paid for half of the Code Officer's salary, so this is being added into the budget. He explained that there is also a part time Code Enforcement position that is not filled. He explained that this position is important because a good portion of the calls that the Mayor and Aldermen get are regarding Code issues. He explained that a part time person working Saturday and Sunday could also ensure that contractors are following the rules if they are working on the weekend when Code Enforcement is typically not working.

Alderman Crawford asked how many officers are in Codes now, and Chief Richardson responded that there are three. Alderman Crawford asked if there is something contractual that says that we can't have one of the officers working on the weekends, and Chief Richardson explained that there are no management rights and their hours can be flexed. Mayor Aiello explained that we have not found a person to fill the part time Code Officer position yet so he is going to continue to look for this person. He explained that there was actually money in the

budget for two Codes Officers but it has been cut down to one part time because we have increased Mr. Reed's cost to the City now that we are not receiving a grant to aid in his wage costs. He noted that there are also two \$5,000 increases in his budget that are requirements of the LISC grant that could be reimbursed when a property owner reimburses the City for costs of work done.

Alderman Witte asked if the City still has a plumbing inspector, and Chief Richardson explained that there is one who works part time and receives a stipend. Alderman Anastasia asked what the cost for a part time officer is, and Chief Richardson explained that it is \$20,800. He explained that there are currently four people on the list but that they are all currently working in other capacities. Alderman Anastasia asked if another Code Enforcement Officer is needed, and Chief Richardson responded that one is absolutely needed. He explained that building permits have been up and spring is coming so we anticipate more calls.

Alderman Crawford asked about the miscellaneous fees for services bump, explained that there is usually \$6,000 in the account for grass cutting and trash removal that we hope to recuperate from property owners. He explained that the other \$5,000 is for the LISC funds he previously mentioned.

Alderman Witte asked how we are doing with structures that have burnt that have needed to be taken down with City funds. She asked if we have been receiving reimbursement from private insurance or property owners. Chief Tim Richardson explained that we have been lucky to be handling the fires early and have been keeping the parcels on the tax rolls. He explained that we do not have any on the docket right now that we are watching, and one potential involves an insurance company who is working with us. He explained that we have been doing pretty well.

Chief Richardson explained that in order to reduce the tax levy last year, we reduced the budget line for demolition of unsafe buildings to \$27,500. He explained that we have left this amount the same with the understanding that if the money is used and another structure needs to be demolished they will come to the Council. He explained that this is the average cost to take down a 2 ½ story structure clean and it will be upwards of \$40,000 to take property of the same size down hot. Mr. Saradin explained that at the end of February there was still around \$27,000 in this account so there is money in this years' budget if it is needed over the next few months. Alderman Crawford asked if we have any more properties that we need to demolish, and Mayor Aiello responded that we haven't been given anymore and that the land bank has been helping us out. He noted that there is still a structure on West Oak Street and that we have had some interest in that.

Chief Tim Richardson explained that he did his best to match the ambulance budget from last year. He explained that the Medical Director fees, oxygen fees, etcetera have stayed pretty consistent. He explained that when COVID-19 took over there was initially PPE available from New York State in stockpiles. He explained that there was an overrun in supplies and they were shared back and forth. He explained that it quickly became difficult to get N95 masks and shields. In the interim we were placed on a waiting list and had to order in advance. He explained that the CDC guidance mandates that we have a 60 day stockpile. We started at 30 and now have 60. He explained that we were able to purchase air purifying respirators which are the best form of protection.

Chief Tim Richardson explained that we are now in the third FEMA reporting period to recover money spent. He explained that one of our requests is stuck in the State, one is pending and one is in Washington for payment. He explained that the total request on the Fire Department side is \$26,000. He would love to see money received before the end of the budget but it will probably take longer than we would like.

Alderman Witte asked if the COVID stimulus package passes and municipalities do get money, if it is targeted for different areas or up to the discretion of the municipality. Mayor Aiello explained that the way it is coming across is that the funding would have no restrictions so the municipality would be able to use it. He explained that one thing that he did find is that it is estimated that it will take three years to recover from the economic effects of coronavirus.

Mayor Aiello explained that the budget is based on not getting aid in reductions from the state. He explained that if the aid does come through that we can adjust the budget before it passes, or we can do an amended budget.

### iii. Department of Public Works – General Fund

Mr. Ring explained that there are not a lot of changes in his budget. He explained that his budgets manage over 14 DPW divisions and during the budget time he likes to look back over the previous years to see what has been trending. He explained that he has had some decreases in his budget, and last year was his first increase in years. He explained that this year overall he is asking for a \$52,800 increase and that is only over three items, besides 100 level lines. He explained that two of these lines are at the garage.

Mr. Ring explained that he is anticipating that gas and oil prices are going to go up, as it is already on its way. He explained that He has increased that line item from \$120,000 to \$125,000. He explained that he is asking for a \$10,000 increase in the vehicle repair line because our fleet is aging and our older vehicles are requiring more maintenance. He explained that the mechanics handle a fleet of 170-180 vehicles and machines. Last year we had a situation where we held off on fixing some vehicles until the budget turned over. When vehicles

get to be ten years old there is a real potential for expensive repairs. He noted that \$10,000 is sometimes the cost to fix one piece of equipment.

Mr. Ring explained that in maintenance of streets he is asking for a \$13,000 increase. He explained that he likes to do a lot of crosswalks and striping is not cheap. He explained that he has had a lot of requests from the Council for intersection improvements. Downtown crossings help and are good indicators on busy roads. Mr. Ring noted that we are currently working on the sign replacement program which takes a lot of time. These three increases total \$28,000.

Mr. Ring explained that there were no positions added to DPW in the past year and serious realigning was done. Alderman Crawford asked if the \$27,000 increase is contractual, and Mr. Ring explained that it is. He explained that there is a 1 percent increase in June and a half percent in January, plus a lot of other step raises and out of title pay. He explained that between Mr. Saradin's office and his that they keep very close track and watch the personal service spending to the dollar. Mr. Saradin explained that half of the total \$52,808 increase is in salary, and Mr. Ring added that the remainder is in the other three lines mentioned.

Mr. Ring explained that his department gets by, and that they face a lot of challenges when budgeting. A lot of work is done in house. He explained that challenges can be seen when he issues the Facility Needs Report. Capital level projects have been funded with a lot of success over the past several years. The fleet has gotten older and there is a need for vehicle and heavy equipment purchases. CHIPS funding from the State is provided for streets and to resurface but the line item has been stagnant with the increase of costs in salaries.

Mr. Ring explained that there are seven guys on the pothole crew and it takes five to do busy streets. He explained that for almost the entire day when the blacktop plant is open he has guys on the streets filing potholes. He explained that we get by the best we can.

Mr. Ring explained that the maintenance of bridges involves capital level project needs. He explained that at the next meeting he will ask permission to apply for 100% funded grants for culvert replacements. He explained that we applied two years ago but were not awarded funding.

Mr. Ring explained that parks are also a challenge to maintain. He explained that equipment goes bad and we have a hard time finding funding to replace it. Our parks items have been about the same for some time. We have added some staff and added maintenance for North Union Street.

Mr. Ring explained that one positive is the LED conversions for lighting. He explained that in many buildings and on our streets lighting is more efficient and costs are moving in the right



direction. He explained that luckily natural gas and electric is very cheap right now due to locked in costs from a three year contract we signed last year.

Alderman Crawford asked what the increase in the Parks budget can be attributed to. Mr. Ring explained that an extra staff member was added to Parks who was removed from the Streets budget. Alderman Crawford explained that he understands there will still be maintenance costs, but he understands that there will be no football or baseball in the stadium this year. Mayor Aiello explained that there will be a high school football season, and they will be starting April 3<sup>rd</sup>. He explained that we are also moving some senior league games into the stadium.

Alderman Anastasia asked if this year's proposed airport budget can be reduced because of the \$85,000 from the County. Mr. Ring explained that the \$85,000 from the County is for capital projects and the \$217,000 budgeted is for maintenance costs. He explained that we are down to a solid operating cost. He explained that her only spends as needed there, and that after our most recent airport discussion we are still working on solutions. He doesn't see a real easy way to just cut significantly there.

Mr. Saradin explained that we have a capital account that is not part of the budget that we will be spending significantly from, and the funding from the County will be used to offset those expenditures. Mr. Ring explained that he has spoken about the runway rehabilitation numerous times with the Council. We will actually be going to bid this summer and will have a discussion about the gap in funding after the \$85,000 from the County and money from the CARES act. He explained that at that time we will see if we want to make the final push to move forward with the project.

Alderman Witte explained that the softball league has been having issues with the boxes, and asked if they could be fixed in house. Mr. Ring explained that we have purchased mats from a supplier and we will be installing them in the spring. The budget allows us to replace them, but not every year. He explained that the installation is done in house, but we have to purchase the mats. Alderman Witte asked about the lighting on the field that was requested, and if there is a way to get grant funding for the cost. Mayor Aiello explained that we are looking into that now, and we are also going to look into submitting a grant application to ESD. He explained that we keep looking and waiting for the grants to come out so that we can work on it. He explained that we had a plan a few years ago to complete a walking trail around the park and pond and address lights on fields 8 and 9 but there was no funding available at that time. He explained that they will continue to look for grant funding opportunities for this.

Mr. Ring explained that two years ago we lowered the funding amount for salt purchases and we have been really lucky the past two years that we have had very mild winters. He explained that last year we had about 1,000 tons of salt left over that could be used this year. He

explained that we are required to purchase 75% of the salt that we request at the beginning of the year. He is still required to purchase 1,850 tons per our contract with the provider, and we have only used 850 ton. He explained that we will have 700-800 ton that we will need to store this year. He explained that he has asked the Mayor if we could take money from snow removal line that is under budget to purchase another canvas salt shed for storage during the summer. He explained that we have been lucky with the budget and it would be great to be able to store salt on site and we will have a good head start next year, just in case.

Alderman Witte asked how the current storage shed is doing, and Mr. Ring explained that two years ago a structural engineer took a look at it who thought that it could be rehabilitated. He explained that to do so, though, the salt would need to be removed. He explained that new plywood was put in last year, and concrete is holding the walls on the side. It is not great, like a lot of other buildings.

Alderman Robinson asked if the trail area from Constitution to 12<sup>th</sup> Street at Country Fair is not taken care of, and Mr. Ring explained that for the last couple of years it has not been taken care of. He explained that these are recreational routes and he feels that it is important that we have the opportunity to use them in the winter. He explained that they are also transportation routes that are used for people who need them. He explained that we have started plowing more, especially by the sewage treatment plant. He explained that he sees a lot of people out there and that it is a popular route. He has spoken with the chairman of the Allegheny River Valley Trail who has thanked us for plowing. He explained that the chairman wants to push for Allegheny and St. Bonaventure to help plow the entire trail because our part is done but the rest is dangerous and icy. Alderman Robinson explained that DPW has received a lot of kudos for the way the trail has looked in Olean over the past several weeks.

Alderman Panus asked if Allegheny takes care of the summer maintenance along the trail, and Mr. Ring responded that we maintain the portion of the trail within City limits. He explained that this includes tree work, brush work, bridges and patching. Alderman Panus asked if there is a joint agreement, and Mayor Aiello explained that we have a mowing agreement with the Town of Allegheny. He explained that they do portions of the trail and we split the cost with them every few years when they need a new piece of equipment.

Alderman Anastasia asked if since these are seasonal use trails if we start plowing them and then we have a major snowstorm and we can't get to them immediately, if there could be a liability issue. He wonders if we should put signage up that designates that these are seasonal use trails that may not be maintained so that there is not a liability risk in the future. Mr. Ring explained that he doesn't know the answer to that. He explained that the chairman of the Trail Committee does not seem concerned with this. He noted that there are areas of the trail that could be dangerous all year, such as where you could fall into the river.

Alderman Anastasia explained that he just does not want the City to be involved in any lawsuits. Mayor Aiello explained that there is a concern there and he will have a conversation with the City Attorney on this and get an answer.

Mr. Ring explained that we have a lot of projects in construction. There are seven major capital projects ongoing that are grant funded. He explained that we plan to do our typical street resurfacing program and they are still working on the final list. He explained that at the airport they will be working on the \$100,000 HVAC replacement this year, which is grant funded. He explained that COVID had delayed the construction season last year by about six months. This is an incredibly busy year He explained that there are requests that have been previously discussed, restriping projects downtown, and the pedestrian safety project.

Mr. Ring explained that we will be doing an RFP for Main Street and bump out part of that street and reduce the lanes. He explained that in order to do this we will need to restripe, but this will be traffic calming. He explained that we will be working in the Oak Hill Park area putting in high visibility crosswalks heading into the downtown.

Mr. Ring explained that we have the East State Street streetscape project from Union Street to the bridge and we would like to continue restriping to the stadium with parking in front of the park. He explained that this would allow for a space for vendors and a bump out for crossing. He explained that this is a mix of different projects that we would like to get funded.

Alderman Witte asked if there are any large projects that are on board under buildings or if money is just set aside in case something comes up. Mr. Ring explained that he has a couple things in mind. He explained that the City Building may have an LED conversion project, and he just met with the City Electrician to discuss an incentive with National Grid. He explained that currently, none of the lights in the building have been converted. He estimates that this is a \$25,000 project with a possible \$10,000 rebate, so \$15,000 of what is in this line item could be used for the building's LED conversion.

Mr. Ring explained that the door sills need to be addressed, and the entrance by the police station needs concrete work or for the door to be replaced. He explained that at the doors opposite the Times Square entrance he would like to have the glass replaced with tempered glass, and that we have gotten a great price from Western New York Glass on that replacement. He explained that the doors cannot be opened from the inside when they are locked and this is a Code issues that needs to be addressed. He added that there is a new HVAC Specialist who may need tool purchases. Preventative maintenance needs to be done to the Municipal Building.

Alderman Witte asked if there are any big changes in terms of electric or power. M. Ring explained that we did convert to LED on street lighting so we are still analyzing that cost. He

explained that he did move some funding to potentially expanding lighting in War Vets Park. He explained that all that project is, is electricians taking some of the redundant lights along the project and moving them. He explained that the lights would be spread out better. There really isn't a lot of changes and not a lot of capital outlay. He explained that the Council has been very supportive of capital projects.

Alderman Witte asked if there is a time frame for when the resurfacing list will be completed. Mr. Ring explained that we usually have it by now but we are waiting for the State budget to pass because they will be sending CHIPS funding. He explained that we are reluctant to analyze the list until how much we are going to be getting. He noted that only about \$150,000 of street resurfacing funding goes towards this list.

Alderman Panus asked about public transportation, and Mayor Aiello explained that this is under Community Development. Mayor Aiello explained that there is a partners meeting coming up Friday so we will know more then, but it is a 1 for 1 match. He explained that the City does not contribute tax money to the program. It is Federal money based on the whole program and is paid by partner shares. Mr. Saradin explained that Ms. Kerper provided a figure around \$742,000 so we will see that in budget expenditures, but there will be revenues of \$742,000 to match so this will be neutral to the budget. Alderman Panus asked if we receive any revenue, and Mr. Saradin explained that we are not allowed to profit from the program. He explained that anything left over goes into a reserve account to help fund the future acquisition of busses.

Alderman Anastasia asked if there is any funding for the purchase of cameras in parks as the result of vandalism that happened last year. Mayor Aiello explained that this is not budgeted because the price is a lot more than what we anticipated, especially if we want to monitor the camera. He explained that this would need to be looked at as a capital project in the future.

Alderman Witte asked if we have found out who vandalized the Welcome to Olean signs, and Mayor Aiello responded that he does not believe so. Alderman Panus explained that he knows that the bus stops tend to be targets for vandalism, and if something like this happens, does it affect the City? Mayor Aiello explained that repairs come out of OATS bus funding. He explained that there is funding there and it does not come out of City money. He explained that if it is substantial, it comes out of their reserve fund or their insurance. Mr. Saradin noted that we are insured. Mayor Aiello explained that Mr. Kerper can be contacted with any questions regarding the OATS bus system.

#### 4. Committee Reports

None

## 5. Adjournment

The committee scheduled discussions for the Water Fund, Sewer Fund, and Capital Projects for Tuesday, March 9, 2021.

A motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Witte, seconded by Alderman Anastasia. Voice vote, ayes all. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:15 p.m.