

CITY OF VERONA
MINUTES
PUBLIC SAFETY AD HOC COMMITTEE
TASK FORCE MEETING
JANUARY 7, 2014

VERONA CITY HALL
111 LINCOLN STREET

1. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Hochkammer at 5:30 p.m.
2. Roll Call: Mayor Jon Hochkammer, Chief Bernie Coughlin, Chief Joe Giver, Chief Brian Myrland, Scott Manley, Mac McGilvray, Delora Newton, Heather Reekie, John Wickstrom. Absent (excused): Mike Goetz, Joleen Semmann, Diane Smith. Others Present: Steve Gausman, Five Bugles Design; Bill Pennoyer, Tri-North Builders; Bill Burns, City Administrator.
3. Approval of Minutes of the October 15, 2013 and December 3, 2013 Public Safety Ad Hoc Committee Meetings
Motion by Reekie, seconded by Myrland, to approve the minutes of October 15 and December 3, 2013 meetings. Motion carried 9-0.
4. Update on the Schematic Design Process for a Fire and EMS Station
Steve Gausman presented a revised schematic design, elevation, and rendering for a 40,482 square foot Fire and EMS facility. The proposed building architecture is a prairie style – arts and crafts design with colors that would complement City Hall. This style could be constructed with either pre-cast or masonry construction. Several Committee Members commented that they liked to proposed style and the appearance of the rendering. Chief Coughlin stated that the thought the design had a very efficient floor plan and that he liked elements that are similar to Marshfield’s station.
5. Update from Tri-North Builders on Cost Estimates and Construction Methods for a Fire and EMS Station
Bill Pennoyer presented a preliminary cost estimate with a construction cost projected at \$9,143,779 based on a 40,482 square foot building. The projected construction cost is about \$225 per square foot. Tri-North Builders also estimated that adding a 4,200 square foot basement would add about \$231,000 to the cost and using masonry rather than pre-cast construction would save about \$644,346. The Committee discussed several items that could affect price including using bi-fold vs. overhead doors on the rear of the station and the level of finishes. Mr. Burns provide information on several cost estimates for this project at various stages. The projected cost of construction has increased since some of the preliminary studies. The City also have a fire impact fee in place which will provide funds that can help offset the cost of debt service.

6. Schematic Design Recommendations for a Fire and EMS Station
Several Committee Members stated that overall they liked the preliminary design, they would be okay with using masonry construction, and that they would like to see the inclusion of the basement. There were questions about energy efficiency features and it was noted that various mechanical system options would be discussed in additional detail as part of the phase two design development. They also indicated that they would like more information on the projected impact of the borrowing for this project on the City's tax levy. Staff will work on preparing a comprehensive project cost estimate and information on the impact on the City's borrowing and debt service. The next regular committee meeting is scheduled for February 4 at 5:30 p.m. Staff will send out an update if the meeting time needs to change.

7. Adjournment: Motion by Coughlin, seconded by Newton, to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. Motion carried 9-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Bill Burns, City Administrator