

## MINUTES

Eau Claire County  
Committee on Finance and Budget  
Public Input Session

Thursday, August 9, 2018 / 6:00 pm  
LE Phillips Senior Center  
1616 Bellinger St  
Eau Claire, WI 54703

**Members present:** Supervisors Steve Chilson, Jim Dunning, Robin Leary, and Stella Pagonis

**Members absent:** Supervisor Gerald Wilkie

**Staff members present:** Kathryn Schauf, County Administrator; Norb Kirk, Finance Director; Amy Weiss, Senior Accounting Manager

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Chair Stella Pagonis. Supervisors were introduced.

There were 21 members of the public present.

- Carol Parsons: in support of Senior Center; special activity, rejuvenating, enjoys camaraderie, reduces stress; continue funding; high quality and seniors deserve high quality
- Marcy Martini: agrees with Carol Parsons
- Shirley Adele Stein: in support of Senior Center, enjoys fitness, Zumba classes, variety of offerings, need additional funding to support staff wages
- Steve Olson: in support of Senior Center, fitness and socialization, keeps seniors healthy
- Jeremy Gragert: City Council Rep; collaborate with County; priority to move toward renewable energy, especially on transportation side, solar energy (BCR); fleet vehicles and buildings, especially new Highway building
- Austin Northagen: UWEC Senior participating in Student Government; prioritize renewable energy; students voted to increase tuition by \$20 to fund renewable energy initiatives
- Brenda Bennett: in support of Senior Center; would like the fitness center to be funded; would like to have center around when she retires
- Marlene Arntson: support comments on value of Senior Center; keeps aging population healthy, mentally and physically; mentioned United Way decrease in funding (\$22,000 reduction)
- Norbert Schmitt: Baby Boomers retiring; in need of more benefits in the future
- Heidi Conde: in support of Senior Center, amazing resource, amazing staff; agrees with renewable energy, most important issue facing society and world today
- Peg Baumgardner: agrees with other comments regarding Senior Center
- Jeannette Suchla: in support of Senior Center, loves the fitness center
- Elizabeth Snyder: in support of Senior Center, value is in socialization which keeps the brain alive
- Sharon Ramaly: in support of Senior Center, not good business to take away funding
- Alex Nemzek: in support of Senior Center, gentle on city coffers when it comes to healthcare
- Barb Fredricksen: in support of Senior Center, fitness center, Thanksgiving Dinner
- Mary Pica-Anderson: increased Senior Center hours even though financially difficult, mental health support is so important

With no others wanting to speak, the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Amy Weiss, Committee Clerk