

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

January 23, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall by Chairman Gary Nelsen.

Roll call was answered by Alderpersons Nelsen, Reed and Sullivan. Also present was Mayor Page, Police Chief Brian Wade, Treasurer Angel Palmer and City Clerk Janet Waller.

Present in the audience was Felicia King, Joyce Throneburg and Dan Davis.

Aldersperson Sullivan made a **motion to approve the December 27, 2022 Finance Committee meeting minutes**, seconded by Alderman Reed. Motion carried with Aldersperson Nelsen, Reed and Sullivan voting aye and 0 nays.

Under old business:

No update on the damage from the tents at the tennis courts uptown. Mayor Page will get an update.

Under new business:

Mayor Page noted there was no response to the letters for 326 N Poplar and we should start the process due to the condition of the house.

The Department of Agriculture did a surprise visit and our animal control officer did great and no issues were found.

The committee discussed ordering \$12,000.00 of rock to be paid out of the MFT fund for the roads due to the increase in prices during the summer.

Mayor Page informed the committee the Street Dept is beginning the process of a possible sidewalk from the school to Casey's.

The committee talked about the trees at 712 E Illinois and the City will not be taking them down as it will be the responsibility of the new owners.

Water service had been removed on West First Street at the vacant abandoned buildings during the lead service project. The buildings have sold via tax sale and the new owner would like water. The City is responsible for reinstalling the water. The choices are to go thru the front or try to stay within the 4 foot easement behind the building to install. The cost should be covered thru the lead service grant to reinstall.

The committee reviewed the TIF support resolution. Mayor Page updated the committee the reason IML has asked for support.

The cost to rent equipment to clean out the retention ponds was \$4,800.00. GSI has rented the equipment. Mayor Page would like to reimburse GSI \$4,800.00 by using TIF funds. Committee agreed to place on the agenda.

The spoils from the retention pond will need to be hauled away. The committee discussed if possibly someone would want the spoils and how much time to haul away the spoil. Also if it could be used on the police range.

Alderperson Reed thanked Chief Wade on all his efforts on receiving grants.

The committee discussed whether the new police employee was to be paid for the holiday pay and also the ride along pay. He was hired at the November 2, 2022 council and swore in on November 14, 2022. It was noted that we should legally be obligated to pay him since he was hired at the November 2, 2022 council meeting and sworn in November 14, 2022. Mayor Page suggested the employee sign a contract. Chief Wade noted he is already employed and doesn't have to sign a contract. Chief Wade would like to know what standard do we have for taking care of our employees.

The committee discussed the TIF and the TIF map while waiting on Jake from Moran and Associates to call in.

Joyce Throneburg passed out information only to Alderpersons Selena, Gary, Travis and Mayor Page. Grow Assumption was discussed from 7:10 pm to 7:22 pm.

The committee discussed the TIF again and whether to start a new or amend the TIF with Joyce and Dan adding "Grow Assumption information" until 7:47 pm since Jake from Moran and Associates is still unavailable.

Mayor Page invited Jake from Moran and Associates to the City Council Meeting on February 1, 2023.

Mayor Page would like to discuss the contract at a later date to protect the City even though the Police Chief isn't on board. The council will have to take a vote on the contract at a later date. Also the date needs to be clarified with the attorney for the hire date. Also discussed was possibly amending the handbook as well. Other employers pay from the time you are hired thru all of the training. It was also discussed as why he needs to sign a contract when he is already hired.

Public Comments:

Finance Committee meeting was adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Janet Waller

City Clerk