

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

January 24, 2022

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

Roll call was answered by Alderpersons Reed, Nelsen and Cochran. Also present was Mayor Derek Page, Chief Wade, Alderperson Burgess, Treasurer Angel Palmer and City Clerk Janet Waller.

Present in the audience were Tom Zuber and Renee Oldham.

Alderperson Reed made a **motion to approve the December 27, 2021 Finance Committee meeting minutes**, seconded by Alderman Cochran. Motion carried with Alderperson Reed, Cochran and Nelsen voting aye and 0 nays.

Under old business:

The committee discussed possibly looking into chargers for electrical vehicles. The committee will look for more information.

Under new business:

Craig Antenna priced a new tornado siren for \$29,293.25. Mayor Page discussed there is not enough money in the TIF fund for the siren. He has also spoke with the Fire Chief and asked the committee to table the tornado siren.

The committee decided to keep the gaming fees as they currently are although State Law allows the fees to be raised to a maximum of \$250.00 per terminal. The committee tabled the fee increase.

The new copier has not arrived and Mayor Page asked the committee if they would like to receive scan copies instead of paper copies to save on paper. No decision was made.

Chairman Nelsen informed the committee the website CityofAssumption.org is up and running along with the you tube channel to view meetings. The announcement will be made at council on February 2, 2022.

The cost of mowing was discussed. The cost last year was \$6,700.00 for 8-9 sites. The average cost is \$24.00 per location and it is comparable to employee wage but the City would pay gas and equipment usage.

Chief Wade presented two quotes for new pistols. Locked and Loaded is \$610.00 and Powder Keg is \$760.00. That is with the trade in allowance of \$250.00. Committee agreed to send to Council.

Chief Wade will have Officer Zeitler start removing equipment and decals from the old squad car if the committee is ok with it. The plan is to remove equipment, take sealed bids in February and open bids in March at council.

Chief Wade also went over the new E-citation system that will automatically upload information to the Circuit Clerk. Chief Wade noted the E-tickets should have their own account.

Chief Wade also would like to go over the account with the grant money received so equipment could be purchased.

The committee discussed amending the ordinance on liquor sales hours and agreed to send to Council.

Aldersperson Burgess presented an issue with people taking their animals to the cemetery to use the bathroom. The committee agreed to send the issue to the Police Committee.

The house on Locust Street will be tore down in the near future.

The price for the audit and GATA is \$11,925.00. This is an increase over last year's price due to COVID and shortage of auditors.

The Casey's bill continues to have late fees and the payment has not been received. The committee discussed about possibly using Freedom Oil for fuel.

The attorney will discuss abandoned houses at the council meeting.

The committee will address mowing and ordinance fines at the Police meeting in the future.

2 sealed bids for concrete were received for the Park. The first bid was from T&C Masonry for \$13,877.00 for a 20' x 30' concrete pad.

The second bid was from Hutchins Excavating for \$7,500.00 for a 25' x 48'x4" concrete pad. The committee discussed the concrete bids and agreed to send to council.

A quote was received from Troy Fisher Welding for the sign at the park. The price is \$5,278.74. The sign will have Assumption City Park on it. The committee discussed the sign and agreed to send to council.

Public Comments:

Tom Zuber from D.J.'s on Chestnut would like to possibly serve alcohol on Sunday mornings.

Finance Committee meeting was adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Janet Waller
City Clerk