

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

May 30, 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 Workman. Also present was Mayor Page, Treasurer Angel Palmer and City Clerk Janet Waller.

Present in the audience was Donny Walden, Joyce Throneburg and John Holthaus.

Aldersperson Reed made a **motion to approve the April 24, 2023 Finance Committee meeting minutes**, seconded by Alderman Nelsen. Motion carried with Aldersperson Nelsen, Reed and Workman voting aye and 0 nays.

Under old business:

Mayor Page updated the committee on 326 N Poplar. The owner would like to turn the property over to the City as they are unable to repair or demolish the house. A title search for liens will be done. There is an outstanding water bill for over \$800 and the council will need to make a decision on the outstanding bill. The council will also need to decide if the City receives the property to sell it as is with conditions to demolish the house or if the City will need to demolish the house before selling.

Under new business:

The City is taking applications for a school resource officer. A member of the school board may help with the interviews.

A quote for a 2015 Ford Police Interceptor was presented for \$7,800.00. The committee agreed to place on the agenda.

A public hearing will be held at 6:45 on June 7, 2023 for the budget. The budget appropriations ordinance will be on the agenda at council.

Mayor Page updated the committee regarding an employee on medical leave. Carter Thomas has been hired starting today May 30, 2023 for summer help. Additional summer helpers may be hired upon discussion at council. The old city truck has been taken to Dave Reed's Autobody to see if it can be used for summer helpers.

A bill for the PTI training has been received for \$7,610.00. The City has submitted the bill for reimbursement from the state but will need to pay the amount owed. The cost of training will be on the agenda.

The committee was reminded to do the Open Meetings Act training online at the Attorney General Website.

Mayor Page would like to appoint Danny Davis to the Zoning Board. The committee agreed to place on the agenda. The annual zoning meeting will be Tuesday, June 6, 2023.

There will be an ordinance for the TIF for public hearings on the agenda at council.

2 quotes were received for the Water Supt truck. A 2023 Ford F550 regular cab 4x4 gas is \$67,608.00. A 2023 Ford F550 regular cab diesel is \$76,888.00.

The committee discussed the Chastain invoices and agreed to place all invoices for 1 roll call.

The Clerk's pay was discussed and committee agreed to place it back to 2 checks instead of 1 amount.

Mayor Page discussed raises and the committee agreed to place on the agenda a resolution to implement 3% raises yearly for all employees starting with the new budget.

It was questioned about the water supt truck costing more than what was budgeted. Mayor Page would like to use the equipment savings for purchases of equipment and start putting money back in savings at the end of the budget and possibly an extra \$10,000.00 if possible.

Treasurer Palmer needs to pay the clerk's IMRF by June 4th of \$3,332.31. Committee agreed this may be done.

It was brought up about pools needing fences around them. Mayor Page will have the Zoning Board discuss at the June 6 meeting and put on for discussion at the June 7, 2023 meeting and vote on in July. The committee would like the attorney to check the state law.

\$1,600.00 will be the cost of the park benches from the donated bottle caps. Committee agreed to place on the agenda.

The electrical aggregation was discussed. Resident's received their information from Homefield.

Treasurer Palmer would like all bills stamped and have the Supt's initial and put the GL account on the bills.

Public Comments:

The audience asked for a schedule for the TIF and also an annexation schedule.

Finance Committee meeting was adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Janet Waller

City Clerk