

Finance Committee Meeting August 26, 2013

The **Finance Committee** met Monday, August 26, 2013, at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Conference Room. Present were Chairperson Mark Ahner and Committee Members John Uden, Roxanna Brush and Bill Melnik.

Also present were Mayor C. A. Grenz, Public Utilities Director Al Kelm, and Public Works Director Scott Gray.

Discussion of Lighting/Maintenance Assessment

RESOLUTION 3621: A Resolution Levying And Assessing A Tax Upon All Of The Property Within Maintenance District No. 204 To Defray The Cost Of Maintaining The Improvements In The Said Maintenance District No. 204 For The Fiscal Year 2013-2014.

Chairperson Ahner explained that the previous budget was \$2,192,000 and now is reduced to \$ 1,456,000. Public Utilities Director Kelm explained that the reduction includes: roadway resurfacing from \$798,000 to \$686,990. The Tatro Street project match for CTEP of \$56,800 was previously in 205 and should have been posted to 204. Repaving from Moorehead to Haynes Ave was included in the \$686,990. Also included in the \$686,990 is paving at South Gate and concrete replacement on 8th and Stower for the Urban Renewal Project for an amount of \$55,000. And to bring the concrete up to grade by the Olive Motel will be \$55,000-\$56,000. After a discussion on taxpayers being hit hard, the jail bond issue, the dike issue and 6 million dollars needed for the Sewer Plant Phase II, it was decided to reduce the budget by \$ 56,000. The proposed cost for a typical lot within the District is \$1,400,826, with a sq. ft. cost of .030897, for a total amount of \$216.28. An increase of \$ 4.20.

****** *Chairperson Ahner moved to recommend approval of the resolution to the Council, seconded by Committee Member Uden and passed unanimously, 4-0.*

RESOLUTION 3622: A Resolution Levying And Assessing A Tax Upon All Of The Property Within Maintenance District No. 205 To Defray The Cost Of Maintaining The Improvements In The Said Maintenance District No. 205 For Fiscal Year 2013-2014

Chairperson Ahner explained the reduction to the District of \$ 59,300 to \$12,400 was because of the Tatro Street Project initially being posted in District 204. The proposed cost for a typical lot within the District is now \$430,621 with a sq. ft. cost of .030776 for an amount of \$ 215.43. A reduction of \$45.49.

****** *Chairperson Ahner moved to recommend approval of the resolution to the Council, seconded by Committee Member Brush and passed unanimously, 4-0.*

RESOLUTION 3623: A Resolution Levying And Assessing A Tax Upon All Of The Property Within Maintenance District No. 207 To Defray The Cost Of Maintaining The Improvements In The Said Maintenance District No. 207 For Fiscal Year 2013-2014

Chairperson Ahner proposed changes for a typical lot within the District of \$4,878 with a sq. ft. cost of .009660 for an amount of \$67.62. A reduction of \$ 2.57 per average lot. The approximate square footage would be changed from 10,000 to 7,000. This would make it consistent with District 204 and 205, and with the calculations used for the last couple years.

****** *Chairperson Ahner moved to recommend approval of the resolution to the Council, seconded by Committee Member Brush and passed unanimously, 4-0.*

RESOLUTION 3624: A Resolution Levying And Assessing A Tax Upon All Property In Special Improvement Lighting District No. 165 To Defray The Cost Of Leasing, Maintenance And Electrical Current In Said Special Improvement Lighting District And Authorizing And Directing Payment Therefore, For The Fiscal Year 2013-2014

The proposed cost for a typical lot within the District is \$158,000 with a sq. ft. cost of .004976. A reduction of \$ 1.77 per average lot.

****** *Chairperson Ahner moved to recommend approval of the resolution to the Council, seconded by Committee Member Brush and passed unanimously, 4-0.*

RESOLUTION 3625: A Resolution Levying And Assessing A Tax Upon All Property In Special Improvement Lighting District No. 167 To Defray The Cost Of Leasing, Maintenance And Electrical Current In Said Special Improvement Lighting District And Authorizing And Directing Payment Therefore, For The Fiscal Year 2013-2014

The proposed cost for a typical lot in the District is \$29,900 with a sq. ft. cost of .010957. An increase of \$.24 per average lot.

****** *Chairperson Ahner moved to recommend approval of the resolution to the Council, seconded by Committee Member Uden and passed unanimously, 4-0.*

RESOLUTION 3626: A Resolution Levying And Assessing A Tax Upon All Property In Special Improvement Lighting District No. 171 To Defray The Cost Of Maintenance And Electrical Current In Said Special Improvement Lighting District And Authorizing And Directing Payment Therefore, For The Fiscal Year 2013-2012

Chairperson Ahner mentioned that the FY year should be changed from 2013-2012 to 2013-2014. And the proposed cost of a typical lot in the District is \$3,200 with a sq. ft. cost of .003285. An increase of .41 per average lot.

****** *Chairperson Ahner moved to recommend approval of the resolution to the Council, seconded by Committee Member Melnik and passed unanimously, 4-0.*

RESOLUTION 3627: A Resolution Levying And Assessing A Tax Upon All Property In Special Improvement Lighting District No. 172 To Defray The Cost Of Maintenance And Electrical Current In Said Special Improvement Lighting District And Authorizing And Directing Payment Therefore, For The Fiscal Year 2013-2014

Chairperson Ahner explained that the reason the calculated percent amount was changed, is that we have a \$ 15,000 carryover from last year, because anticipated improvements were not completed. The proposed cost of a typical lot in the District is \$21,400 with a sq. ft. cost of .011009. A decrease of \$ 4.57 per average lot.

****** *Chairperson Ahner moved to recommend approval of the resolution to the Council, seconded by Committee Member Melnik and passed unanimously, 4-0.*

RESOLUTION 3628: A Resolution Levying And Assessing A Tax Upon All Property In Special Improvement Lighting District No. 173 To Defray The Cost Of Maintenance And Electrical Current In Said Special Improvement Lighting District And Authorizing And Directing Payment Therefore, For The Fiscal Year 2013-2014

The proposed cost of a typical lot in the District is \$1,410 with a sq. ft. cost of .001819. No change to this District.

****** *Chairperson Ahner moved to recommend approval of the resolution to the Council, seconded by Committee Member Uden and passed unanimously, 4-0.*

RESOLUTION 3629: A Resolution Levying And Assessing A Tax Upon All Property In Special Improvement Lighting District No. 195 To Defray The Cost Of Leasing, Maintenance And Electrical Current In Said Special Improvement Lighting District And Authorizing And Directing Payment Therefore, For The Fiscal Year 2013-2014

The proposed cost to a typical lot in the District is \$6,000 with a sq. ft. cost of .008321. An increase of \$ 2.43 per average lot.

****** *Chairperson Ahner moved to recommend approval of the resolution to the Council, seconded by Committee Member Melnik and passed unanimously, 4-0.*

RESOLUTION 3630: A Resolution Levying And Assessing A Tax Upon All Property In Special Improvement Lighting District No. 202 To Defray The Cost Of Leasing, Maintenance And Electrical Current In Said Special Improvement Lighting District And Authorizing And Directing Payment Therefore, For The Fiscal Year 2013-2014

The proposed cost to a typical lot in the District is \$7,850 with a sq. ft. cost of .008903 . An increase of \$.59 per average lot.

****** *Chairperson Ahner moved to recommend approval of the resolution to the Council, seconded by Committee Member Brush and passed unanimously, 4-0.*

RESOLUTION 3631: A Resolution Pursuant To §2-9-212 Of The Montana Code Annotated, Authorizing A Permissive Medical Levy For FY 2013-2014 To Fund Group Health Insurance Premium Contributions By The City And Providing For Hearing Thereon

Chairperson Ahner explained the DOA spreadsheet and that the money would go to the General Fund to offset the Medical expenses for insurance. There was a brief discussion between taking Choice # 1 (the proposed levy) or Choice # 2 (a levy of 6.72 for an amount of \$ 47,796.00). The proposed property tax levy will be 20.41 which amounts to \$ 145,053.

****** *Councilperson Bush moved to recommend approval of the resolution to the Council, seconded by Committee Member Uden and passed unanimously, 4-0.*

RESOLUTION 3632: A Resolution Pursuant To §15-10-203 Of The Montana Code Annotated, Authorizing The Budgeting Of An Increased Amount Of Ad Valorem Tax Revenues In FY 2013-2014 In Excess Of The Property Tax Revenues For The Prior Fiscal Year And Providing For Hearing Thereon

Chairperson Ahner explained that the estimate for Real Property tax is 1,450,000, and Personal Property tax is \$ 80,000. The proposed mill levy will be 208.70. This will be distributed, with 206.2 going to General Fund, 1.0 going to Ambulance fund, and 1.5 going to Airport fund.

****** *Councilperson Bush moved to recommend approval of the resolution to the Council, seconded by Committee Member Melnik and passed unanimously, 4-0.*

Request of Citizens

Dorothy Armstrong asked if there will be a public hearing on all resolution that were gone through tonight. Ahner replied that there will be a public hearing tomorrow night at the Council meeting, before voting on them.


Adjournment

Having no more business to come before the Committee,

****** *Committee Member Bush moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Committee Member Uden and passed unanimously, 4-0.*

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:


Chairperson Mark Ahner


City Clerk Lorrie Pearce

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TIME: 6:00 p.m.

PLACE: City Hall Conference Room

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13. Requests of Citizens

Public comment on any public matter that is not on the agenda of this meeting can be presented under "Request of Citizens" provided it is within the jurisdiction of the City to address. Public comment will be entered into the minutes of this meeting. The City Council cannot take any action on a matter unless notice of the matter has been made on an agenda and an opportunity for public comment has been allowed on the matter. Public matter does not include contested cases and other adjudicative proceedings.