

Finance Committee Meeting April 14, 2014

The **Finance Committee** met Monday, April 14, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Conference Room. Present were Committee members Sue Galbraith, Dwayne Andrews, John Hollowell and Sheena Martin.

Also present were Fire Chief Dale Berg, Public Utilities Director Al Kelm, and Recorder/City Clerk Lorrie Pearce. Mayor Grenz arrived at a later time.

Request of Citizens

None

Ordinance No. 1265: An Ordinance Amending Ordinance Nos. 1054,1056 And 1093 Establishing New Rates For The Use Of The Miles City Ambulance

Fire Chief Berg explained that the rates had not been raised since 2005. He said the recoup rate from private insurances would be about 70-80 percent, some will pay in full, and a few will follow the Medicaid and Medicare allowances. There is a special care transport charge which means a nurse needs to be present in the transport. Once the City is at paramedic level, we will be able to charge for the special care transport charge, which is usually paid at 100 percent. This rate raise should bring in approximately \$70,000 to \$75,000 in revenue.

Councilperson Andrews asked if the rate raise was a standard price list. Fire Chief Berg replied that with the raise, Miles City would be in the middle or at the high end of middle.

*** Committee Member Hollowell moved to recommend that the City Council approve Ordinance No. 1265. The motion was seconded by Committee Member Andrews; the motion carried unanimously, 4-0.*

Proposed Ordinance to Modify City Code Sec. 2-26: Referral of Ordinances to Committee, Public Hearing and Final Adoption

Chairperson Galbraith explained the modification will be achieved with Ordinance No.1266, which was handed out in the packet.

Committee member Andrews asked for clarification of the change. Committee member Hollowell explained that if a resolution or ordinance has already been to a

committee before and it's presented at a council meeting, the Mayor would have the option to send it back to the Committee or have the Council vote on it at that meeting.

* * *Committee Member Hollowell moved to recommend that the City Council approve Ordinance No. 1266. The motion was seconded by Committee Member Martin; the motion carried unanimously, 4-0.*

Report on Worker's Compensation Companies

City Clerk Pearce explained that she had been asked at a Council meeting to contact a couple of insurance companies and get estimates for Worker's Compensation coverage. She reported that Victory would not underwrite the City because the City had too many police and firefighters. She added that State Fund estimated \$199,981 a year, which is approximately \$47,000 more than MMIA.

Recommendation On Bids To Purchase Sewer Camera

Public Utilities Director Kelm explained the three bids that the City received for sewer cameras. He said Utility Specialties bid \$44,280 and did not meet many specifications. Neverest Equipment bid \$60,250 and there were four specifications that were not met, they were: the camera did not have a zoom lens, it had an 8" screen instead of 12", it had one S-Video output instead of three, and the cable rating was 0.25" and 1000 pounds, instead of .375" and 2000 pounds. Titan Machinery (Iback) bid \$62,875 and met all specifications. Public Utilities Director Kelm recommended accepting Titan Machinery's bid, which is lower than the budgeted amount of \$ \$85,000.

* * *Committee Member Hollowell moved to recommend to Council the purchase of the Titan Machinery (Iback) sewer camera at a price of \$62,875. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Martin; the motion carried unanimously, 4-0.*

Ambulance Accounts To Collections

Put on Hold until next Finance meeting.

Adjournment

There being no further business, *Committee Member Andrews moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Committee Member Martin. The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.*

Respectfully Submitted:


Chairperson Susanne Galbraith


City Clerk Lorrie Pearce