

Finance Committee Meeting August 21, 2014

The **Finance Committee** met Thursday, August 21, 2014, at 12:00 p.m. in the City Hall Conference Room. Present were Committee Members Sue Galbraith, Sheena Martin, and Dwayne Andrews. Committee Member John Hollowell was absent. Also present were Jim Dighans, Interim Fire Chief/Captain Cameron Duffin and Recorder/City Clerk Lorrie Pearce.

Request of Citizens

None

Review Ordinance No. 1275: An Ordinance Changing The Zoning Of Track A of Document # 154532, Envelope 500b, And Located In Section 11 Township 7 North, Range 47 East, M.P.M., From Agriculture District Zone To General Commercial Zone, And For Providing A Hearing Thereon

Chairperson Galbraith said that she felt the area in question meets all requirements for spot zoning except for the last one which states that the property owner would be the only one benefiting from the change. Chairperson Galbraith asked Committee Member Martin if Todoroff's land that is for sale in that area was priced at agricultural or commercial. Committee Member Martin said she didn't know how it was priced, but felt that it's not the rate that is paid for agricultural property. Chairperson Galbraith felt that everyone in that area would benefit if it was zoned commercial. Committee Member Andrews asked Committee Member Martin if she was comfortable that this ordinance would qualify for the zone change, compared to Pheilas. She said yes, and that the findings were completely different.

*** Committee Member Andrews moved to recommend to Council approval of Ordinance No. 1275. The motion was seconded by Committee Member Martin; and by roll call vote, passed unanimously 3-0.*

Review Land Lease at Water Treatment Plant/Jim Dighans

Chairperson Galbraith asked Jim Dighans what he was going to use the land for. He replied that he would raise 10-15 calves and once they were able to eat on their own, he would transfer them to Hathaway. After that he would plant a garden. He also would like to drill a 25 foot well in the area and build a fence around the lot.

Chairperson Galbraith was concerned about the smell being too close to the Art Center and the park.

Committee Member Andrews was concerned as to who would own the well if the

lease wasn't renewed. Jim Dighans said that the well would go back to the City and if he had shelter on the land it would be built on skids and removed. Committee Member Andrews asked how long the lease would be, and Mr. Dighans replied "5 years".

Committee Member Martin said that she would like to see a more comprehensive plan that explains where he would place the well and fence.

* * *Committee Member Andrews moved to table the land lease proposal. The motion was seconded by Committee Member Martin; and passed unanimously 3-0.*

Review Ambulance Write Offs

Chairperson Galbraith explained that there was \$29,263.61 in private pay charges for the Ambulance that should go to collections. She also explained that there are several hardship cases that the Finance Committee should look at case by case.

* * *Committee Member Andrews moved to recommend to Council approval of \$29,263.61 to be sent to collection. The motion was seconded by Committee Member Martin; and passed unanimously 3-0.*

Schedule for Claims

Chairperson Martin agreed to inspect monthly claims for the next two months. Chairperson Hollowell will inspect the claims for October, November and December.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Committee Member Andrews moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Committee Member Martin. The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:


Chairperson Susan Galbraith


City Clerk Lorrie Pearce