

Finance Committee Meeting October 1, 2015

The Finance Committee met Wednesday, October 1, 2015, at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Conference Room. Present were Committee Chairperson Susanne Galbraith and Committee Members Dwayne Andrews and John Hollowell.

Also present were Public Utilities Director Al Kelm, Fire Chief Gary Warren Water/Waste Water Plant Supervisor Dave Harris, Mayor Grenz, Historic Preservation Officer/Grant Writer Connie Muggli and Committee Recorder/City Clerk Lorrie Pearce.

Committee Chairperson Galbraith called the meeting to order.

1. Request of Citizens:

-None.

2. Discussion and recommendation on quotes to purchase sludge pump for Water Treatment Plant

Supervisor Harris said that the sludge pump at the water treatment plant was over forty years old and had a hole or crack in the drive shaft. He received an estimated bid to repair the pump for \$10,000. Two bids were received for a new one:

- Power Service: \$10,145 plus shipping \$450 for a total of \$10,695
- Falcon: \$14,861- this includes shipping

Director Kelm said they were both exact pumps, and recommended purchasing the pump from Power Service because the company is local.

*** Committee Member Andrews moved to approve the purchase of the pump. The motion was seconded by Committee Member Hollowell. The motion passed 3-0*

3. Discussion and recommendation on ambulance write offs

Clerk Pearce said that there was \$13,765.50 of new write offs to send to collections.

*** Committee Member Hollowell moved to recommend to Council to approve sending the ambulance write offs to collection. The motion was seconded by Committee Member Andrews. The motion passed 3-0*

4. ORDINANCE NO. 1299: An Ordinance Adopted Pursuant to the Montana Interim Zoning Statute Contained in Section 76-2-306 MCA Extending Interim Zoning Ordinance 1290 Pertaining to the Zoning of Sexually Oriented Businesses

Grant Writer Muggli said that the Ordinance replaces and extends the Ordinance that was passed April 14, 2015 for one year. The extension allows time to study all areas within City limit until an area is found to zone for this type of business. She said four areas had been identified that may be appropriate, but after a survey was completed, three areas had been omitted and the one area that fit all the Supreme Court criteria's is behind four bees. She


added that Supreme Court ruling says that the City has to allow the business to be somewhere in the City limits.

** *Committee Member Hollowell moved to recommend to Council approval of Ordinance 1299, seconded by Chairperson Galbraith. The motion passed 3-0*

6. Adjournment

** *Committee Member Hollowell moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Committee Member Andrews and passed unanimously, 3-0.*

The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.


Susanne Galbraith, Chairperson


**Lorrie Pearce
Recorder/City Clerk**