

## Finance Committee Meeting

November 19, 2015

The Finance Committee met Thursday, November 19, 2015, at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Conference Room. Present were Committee Chairperson Susanne Galbraith and Committee Members Rachel Sloan, Dwayne Andrews and John Hollowell.

Also present were Fire Chief Gary Warren, Grant Writer/Historic Preservation Officer Connie Muggli, Firefighter/Ambulance Coordinator Brandon Stevens and Committee Recorder/City Clerk Lorrie Pearce.

Committee Chairperson Galbraith called the meeting to order.

**1. Request of Citizens:**

-None.

**2. Review and recommendation on bids for 502 Marion Property**

\*\* *Committee Member Hollowell moved to recommend to Council to approve Ed Martin's bid of \$15,555. The motion was seconded by Committee Member Andrews. The motion passed 4-0*

**3. Review and recommendation on remodel of Council Chambers**

\*\* *Committee Member Hollowell moved to postpone until the Judge is ready. The motion was seconded by Chairperson Galbraith. The motion passed 4-0*

**4. ORDINANCE NO. 1300- An Ordinance Pursuant to Title 7 Chapter 15 Part 42 of the Montana Code Annotated Establishing the Miles City Downtown Urban Renewal Agency and Providing For its operation; Pursuant to MCA 7-15-4232; Establishing May 12, 2015 as the Effective Date for the Tax Increment Financing, Revising City Code 7-46 and 7-56 Through 7-64, and Providing for an Effective date Thereof**

\*\* *Committee Member Andrews moved to recommend to Council the approval of the Ordinance. The motion was seconded by Committee Member Hollowell.*

Committee Member Hollowell asked if it is the law that a person holding a public office cannot be on the board.

Officer Muggli said that it is the law, and by doing so, it protects the money spent by General Fund. She added that by setting up a separate fund in the department it keeps it within the City's control.

Chairperson Galbraith asked if part of the position's wages can be taken from TIF.

Officer Muggli said that 15-20 percent can be spent for wages and 85 percent for supplies.

*\*\* The motion passed 4-0*

## **5. Discussion on replacing Ambulance**

Chief Warren expressed his concerns on the Ambulance fleet:

- Fleet consists of 4 ambulances and the only four wheel drive ambulance is broken down with a busted fuel injection pump. The repair will cost approximately \$20,000. Repairing the pump will only prolong the problem
- The fleet is aging
- Has been looking for funding through grants, but at this time there are none
- Options, #1 buy a new ambulance that would cost anywhere from \$90,000 to \$130,000, or #2 possibly purchase an ambulance through the lease program

Chairperson Galbraith said that there is no funding at this time, and asked Chief Warren to bring back to the Finance Committee a long term plan with options and cost involved.

## **6. Discussion on ongoing funding for the General Fund Capital Improvement Fund**


Chairperson Galbraith said that she would like to look at options to build the General Fund Capital Improvement Fund. She thought that each year a certain amount of the cash carryover should be transferred into the fund.

After a short discussion, it was decided to table the discussion for a future meeting.

## **5. Adjournment**

*\*\* Committee Member Hollowell moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Chairperson Galbraith and passed unanimously, 4-0.*

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

  
Susanne Galbraith, Chairperson

  
Lorrie Pearce  
Recorder/City Clerk