

## Finance Committee Meeting

August 4, 2016

The Finance Committee met Thursday, August 4, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. Present were Committee Chairperson Susanne Galbraith and Committee Members Kathy Wilcox and Dwayne Andrews. Committee Member Rachel Sloan was excused.

Also present were Public Utilities Director Allen Kelm and Recorder Lorrie Pearce

Committee Chairperson Galbraith called the meeting to order.

**1. Request of Citizens:**

None

**2. RESOLUTION NO. 3953- A Resolution pursuant to §7-6-4006 of the Montana Code Annotated, Authorizing Amendment of Final Budget for FY 2015-2016 to Appropriate Unanticipated Expenses to Lighting District No. 165 Fund 2400 For Electrical Utilities Expenses**

*\*\* Committee Member Wilcox moved to recommend to Council approval of Resolution No. 3953, seconded by Committee Member Andrews. The motion passed 3-0*

**3. Review and Recommendation on the contract and notice to proceed for the Williams Brothers Contract**

*\*\* Committee Member Galbraith moved to recommend to Council to accept the contract and notice to proceed for the Williams Brothers contract, seconded by Committee Member Wilcox.*

Director Kelm said the contract is for the phase II Waste Water Treatment Plant project. The bonding is in order and Attorney Rice has looked it over and agreed with it. He said he asked for a contractors schedule and if all agree, he will have the Mayor sign the contract so work can begin before winter.

*\*\* On roll call vote, the motion passed 3-0*

**4. Review and Recommendation on \$150,000 change order to Williams Brothers contract for electrical**

*\*\* Chairperson Wilcox moved to recommend to Council approval of the \$150,000 change order to William Brothers contract for electrical, seconded by Chairperson Galbraith.*

Director Kelm said that after the bids were opened at the Council meeting, and a couple of days later he received a call from Williams Brothers. He was told that there was a problem with the bid received because an entire section of the bid from subcontractor Colstrip Electric was missed for an amount of \$150,000. Director Kelm had consulted with Engineer Brad Koenig and both felt that the overlook was not intentional because Colstrip Electric missed that section in all three bids the City received, which meant that all the bids were under bid by \$150,000.

*\*\* On roll call vote the motion passed 3-0*

**5. Review and Recommendation on KLJ Tasks for DNRC Easement for 20 Inch Water Line**

*\*\* Committee Member Wilcox moved to recommend to Council the approval on KLJ Tasks for DNRC Easement for 20 Inch Water Line, seconded by Committee Member Galbraith.*

Director Kelm explained that KLJ is the engineer for the installation of a 20 inch water line under the Tongue River. Requests were made to DNRC, Fish and Game and Army Corp. DNRC responded to the City that it did not have an easement for the water line. He said there were a lot of surveys, application that needed filed and a fee paid. DNRC will meet in September for a decision on the easement. He hopes to receive it before the project gets started.

*\*\* On roll call vote the motion passed 3-0*

**6. Discussion on Interlocal Agreement with County**

Chairperson Galbraith explained that she would like to see the County pay \$175 per hour plus actual mileage. She felt that what they are paying at the present time was not fair to the City, because the City pays for the cost of the building, maintenance and wear on the ambulance, etcetera.

Committee Member Andrews said that raising the cost of the mileage may help. And to make sure that the County residents are paying the same as City residents for all calls.

Committee Member Wilcox thought the County should pay the private pay rate, plus mileage plus 20%. She agreed that there should be some sort of surcharge.

Chairperson Galbraith said that she would like the per hour cost charged raised to \$175.00 or go back to the formula that was used in 2009. She felt that when the ambulance is making a County run, the City is missing out on Billings runs, which would bring in a lot more money. Also, when there is a County run, two employees need to be called in and are paid overtime.

After a long discussion the consensus was to study the cost of the ambulance and bring back to Finance Committee at a later date.

7. **Adjournment**

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

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

  
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Susanne Galbraith, Chairperson

  
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Lorrie Pearce Recorder/City Clerk