

## Finance Committee Meeting

November 17, 2016

The Finance Committee met Thursday, November 17, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Conference room. Present were Committee Chairperson Susanne Galbraith and Committee Members Rick Huber and Dwayne Andrews. Committee Member Kathy Wilcox was excused

Also present were Fire Chief Gary Warren, Battalion Chief Branden Stevens, Public Works Director Scott Gray and Recorder Lorrie Pearce.

Committee Chairperson Galbraith called the meeting to order.

**1. Request of Citizens:**

None

**2. Discussion and Recommendation on Contract with KLJ for Southgate Dam**

Director Gray explained that the dam was developed in the early 80s to hold rainwater. Planner Broadie had the dam moved to the East 150 feet in order to put a subdivision in. After it was moved a berm was built to hold water. It is not known who performed or ordered the berm to be completed. Since the change, the City received a lot of complaints as to if the dam is adequate enough to handle a large rainfall. He felt that since the City demanded the dam to be moved that it would not be fair to bill the residents and the City should pay for the data to see if the dam is adequate for a two year, ten year or one hundred year rain event. Weather permitting KLJ would like to start the process as soon as possible. He felt that the area had a lot of sand in the gumbo soil and would percolate in the ground very well. The project is in the budget for an amount of \$11,900.

*\*\* Committee Member Andrews moved to recommend to Council to approve the KLJ agreement for Southgate Dam, seconded by Committee Member Galbraith and passed 3-0*

**3. Recommendation of sending ambulance bills to collections**

*\*\* Committee Member Galbraith moved to recommend to Council to approve sending the ambulance bill for an amount of \$11,172.61 to collections, seconded by Committee Member Andrews and passed 3-0*

**4. Hiring of one firefighter versus Overtime paid**

Battalion Chief Stevens presented a proposal on behalf of hiring one firefighter versus his overtime paid out based on 1133 overtime hours. BC Stevens hours would be based on 6am to 4pm Monday through Thursday:

- High based on overtime wages at \$41.76 which would be \$47,314

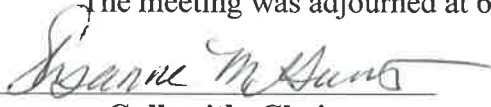
- Low based on straight time wages at \$27.84, which would be \$31,542 (based on contract)
- 11 documented Billings transports could have gone if Battalion Chief was on days. Total of \$2,500 billed out for a total of \$27,500
- A total combined savings of \$59,042 (low) or \$74,814 (high)
- Cost of hiring one FTE, including insurance is \$40,000
- Total one year savings would be \$19,042 (low) and \$34,814 (high)
- Not having to cover overtime shifts during the day would save \$15,868 for a total savings of \$34,910 (low) and \$50,682 (high)

Battalion Chief Stevens briefly explained the means behind the Fire recovery billing service. He said the fire department would bill for structure response, hazardous material response, excavation, and etcetera. He said most home insurances have the payment for these items built in their policy, so it would not be billed to tax payers or anyone that does not have home owner insurance. The revenue from that billing would be approximately \$40,000 a year.

## 5. Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

  
 Susanne Galbraith, Chairperson

  
 Lorrie Pearce Recorder/City Clerk