

Finance Committee Meeting

October 5, 2017

The Finance Committee met Thursday, October 5, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Conference room. Present were Committee Chairperson Susanne Galbraith and Committee Members Kathy Wilcox and Dwayne Andrews. Committee Member Rick Huber was excused.

Also present were: Acting Fire Chief Brandon Stevens, Fire Fighter III Sarah Lewin, Fire Captain Mike Miller and City Clerk/Recorder Lorrie Pearce.

Committee Chairperson Galbraith called the meeting to order.

1. Request of Citizens & Public Comment

Captain Miller updated the committee on the fire training building:

- Received final approval for funding up to \$250,000, the amount was \$50,000 less than first thought, downsizing the building to three levels instead of four will be needed, but the City will still meet its objectives
- Payback amount will be a little higher than anticipated at \$13,000
- USDA received a grant to pay for all environment requirements
- Captain Miller will continue his training so he can train at the facility, and possibly train the trainer

2. Resolution No. 4110- A Resolution Adopting Apprenticeship Standards For Firefighter/Paramedic

*** Committee Member Andrews moved to recommend to Council the approval of the Resolution, seconded by Committee Member Wilcox.*

Firefighter III Lewin explained the standards:

- Setting the apprenticeship program as a Federal program will help City employees receive cost reimbursement for training. At this point the employees are paying for the training out of their pockets
- Set up for an entry level fire fighter/paramedic
- No commitment from City for the funding at this point

*** The motion passed 3-0*

3. Memorandum of Understanding to the Local 600 Union Contract

*** Committee Member Galbraith moved to refer the memorandum of understanding to the local 600 union contract to Human Resource Committee, seconded by Committee Member Andrews. The motion passed 3-0*

4. Discussion on Signage at Denton Sports Complex

Chairperson Galbraith had talked to Director Gray about the issue. He thought that since the league pays for replacement bulbs/lights and the light bills that the City should leave the lease as is.

*** Committee Member Wilcox moved to leave as is, seconded by Committee Member Galbraith. The motion passed 3-0*

5. Discussion on Business Licenses

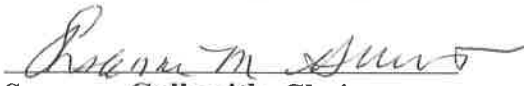
Chairperson Galbraith asked the committee how it would like to proceed with the business licenses:

- Committee Member Wilcox thought everyone that does business in the City should have a business license and the City maintain a current inventory of the name of the business, what the business is and the contact information to share with fire and police department. Business license should at least cover staff cost.
- Clerk Pearce explained yearly invoices that are sent to businesses:
 1. Home business license- \$10.00
 2. Loading Zone permit (signage)- \$72.00
 3. 2nd hand/pawn shops - \$50.00
 4. All Beverage License - \$400
 5. Beer/Wine License - \$300
 6. Video Amusement License- \$30 per machine
 7. Others: Construction, Carpentry, Door to Door - \$0
- Committee Member Wilcox thought the committee should find out how long it has been since the City had raised these cost
- Chairperson Galbraith thought that charging a business a certain amount for the initial license and then charging a lower amount for renewal would help the City keep track of the business and its product
- Committee Member Andrews thought the committee needed to have a soft touch on the charges or increases. He thought businesses are the blood line to the City and did not want to chase them away. Also, the City should not retro the current business for the initial cost, but charge for a yearly renewal
- The committee will have an ongoing discussion on the issue

6. **Adjournment**

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.


Susanne Galbraith, Chairperson


Lorrie Pearce Recorder/City Clerk