

Finance Committee Meeting

December 7, 2017

The Finance Committee met Thursday, December 7, 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 was: Mayor John Hollowell, Planner II Dawn Colton and City Clerk/Recorder Lorrie Pearce.

Committee Chairperson Galbraith called the meeting to order.

1. Request of Citizens & Public Comment

None

2. Discussion and recommendation on payment for TFID software

*** Committee Member Galbraith recommended that \$10,000 is paid out of General Fund and Custer County pays the \$2,000 yearly maintenance fee, seconded by Committee Member Andrews. After a long conversation the motion passed 3-0*

3. Review and Recommendation on Old Lagoon Lease Bids Received

Four bids were received:

- Doug McLean- \$2,050
- Robert E. Smith- \$2,099
- Northside Auto Dismantlers LLC- \$2,548
- Levi Gordon- \$2,798

*** Committee Member Wilcox recommended that the bid from Levi Gordon for an amount of \$2,798 be accepted, seconded by Committee Member Galbraith.*

Committee Member Andrews was concerned that the area would get overgrazed and would like to add the following to the lease:

1. Turn in and turn out dates (Late spring, early summer)
2. How many animals by species will be grazed at a time

He felt that 4 horses for 5 months should be the maximum on 81 acres. Planner Colton thought she could add those items to the lease.

*** The motion passed 3-0*

4. Discussion and Recommendation on \$521.01 Water Bill for Stanley Park

*** Committee Member Andrews moved to bill the parks department for \$521.01, seconded by Committee Member Wilcox.*

The committee thought there were other parks that needs attention and would like to see them being taken care of first.

Mayor Hollowell explained that the Outlaws plan is to turn the field into a good playing field. They will have fundraisers to purchase an underground sprinklers system, which he thought should extend to the Art Center. They would also perform all the maintenance in and around the field.

The consensus of the committee was that there should be a written contract for the project.

*** The motion passed 3-0*

5. Discussion and Recommendation on reimbursing City's representative on Economic Development Board for monthly travel

*** Committee Member Galbraith moved to pay the City's Economic Development Board member an retro amount of \$255.62 which is three trips, paying the state mileage rate, and pay for the mileage in the future for this position, seconded by Committee Member Andrews. After a short discussion, the motion passed 3-0*

6. Discussion and Recommendation on Resolution No. 4118- A Resolution Approving the Extension of the Lease Agreement Between the City of Miles City and Linda Larsen for the Lease of Certain Industrial Site Property

*** Committee Member Wilcox moved to recommend to Council to approve Resolution No. 4118, seconded by Committee Member Galbraith.*

Committee Member Andrews asked why the lease was so long. He thought a lease of 2-5 years would be ample and why is the City leasing the property to Ms. Larsen and then turning around and subleasing to someone else.

Citizen Monty Lesh, 182 River Drive said he had talked to City Attorney Rice and he said that Ms. Larsen has the right to ask for an extension of the lease. If she does not renew the lease of the land, it would go out for public bid. He also thought the City should annex the area, so it could make its money on the taxes and not the lease.

Citizen Steve Morris, 1804 Sudlow said the bank would not give anyone a loan without a long term lease. It would not want to invest its money into something that would be guaranteed for only five years. There is a lot of interest in the Industrial Park area to grow and they need infrastructure. He felt without a long term lease that nothing in the area would be stable.

Citizen Jerry Singleton, 305 South 3rd Street thought the city and the lessees should work together for the best interest of both.

Committee Member Galbraith said she wanted to postpone the decision until she was

caught up with things that have been happening for the last five weeks since she has been gone.

*** Committee Member Galbraith moved to postpone the Resolution until the next meeting, seconded by Committee Member Wilcox. The motion passed 3-0*

7. Discussion and Recommendation on Resolution No. 4119- A Resolution Authorizing the Assignment of a Certain Lease Agreement Between the City of Miles City and Linda Larsen to Center AG Supply, LLC for the Lease of Certain Industrial Site Property

*** Committee Member Andrews moved to postpone the Resolution until the next meeting, seconded by Committee Member Galbraith. The motion passed 3-0*

8. **Adjournment**

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:57 p.m.



Susanne Galbraith, Chairperson



Lorrie Pearce, City Clerk/Recorder