

## Finance Committee Meeting

November 1, 2018

The Finance Committee met Thursday, November 1, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall 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: Flood Administrator/Auto Cad/Assistant PWPV Samantha Malenovsky, Fire Chief Branden Stevens, Judge Ken Stein, Mayor John Hollowell, TIFD/HP Officer Louise de Montigny, Deputy Clerk/HR Officer Linda Wilkins, various union representatives and City Clerk/Recorder Lorrie Pearce.

Committee Chairperson Galbraith called the meeting to order.

**1. Request of Citizens:**

None

**2. Discussion and recommendation on sending \$ 48,121.28 for Ambulance to collections**

*\*\* Committee Member Andrews moved to recommend to Council sending \$48,121.28 to collections, seconded by Committee Member Huber. On roll call vote the motion passed, 3-0*

**3. Discussion on additional cuts to General Fund appropriations**

Chairperson Galbraith explained that General Fund will be approximately \$300,000 short at the end of the year. It seems every year the expenditures increase and revenue decreases. She explained some of the cuts in the revenue for fiscal year 18/19.

There was a discussion on asking all employees to cut their wages by 3 percent, which would save the City \$76,000. Asking employees to not work 1 hour a week, which would cost the employees in General Fund approximately \$600 a month. Also, there was a discussion on the cost of the flood project to General Fund. In the end, it may come down to layoffs. Nash explained that Union 283-A's proposal was very minimal to the cost of the General Fund. Officer Wilkins explained that the salary survey cost to General Fund was \$1.3M. For fiscal year 18 alone, there was a \$300,000 increase to General Fund. There was a discussion on forming an Ad Hoc Committee. Deputy Clerk/HR Officer Wilkins, Children's Librarian Nash, Judge Stein, Fire Chief Stevens, Court Clerk Krezelak and City Clerk Pearce volunteered to be on the committee. Others interested can notify the City Clerk.

**4. Discussion on borrowing \$175,000 from Intercap for flood loan (Expires November 2, 2018)**

Administrator Malenovsky did not receive any information from the Army Corp as to when it will need more money. After a short discussion it was decided to call Intercap and ask for another extension.

5. **Discussion and recommendation on Resolution No. 4207- A Resolution Approving a Revised Collective Bargaining Agreement Between the City of Miles City and the Local No. 283-B Union**

*\*\* Committee Member Galbraith moved to recommend to Council sending Resolution No. 4207, 4208 and 4209 back to the Mayor to discuss cuts, seconded by Committee Member Andrews. The motion passed 3-0*

6. **Discussion and recommendation on Resolution No. 4208- A Resolution Approving a Revised Collective Bargaining Agreement Between the City of Miles City and the Local No. 600 Union**

7. **Discussion and recommendation on Resolution No. 4209- A Resolution Approving a Revised Collective Bargaining Agreement Between the City of Miles City and the Local No. 283-A Union**

8. **Discussion and recommendation on Resolution No. 4212- A Resolution Approving an Amendment to Group Flexible Purchase Payment Deferred Fix Annuity Contract, and Guaranteed Minimum Interest Rate Change Options Form**

Officer Wilkins explained that Nationwide is changing the way it guarantees the minimum interest rate. She talked to Nationwide representative Jared Williams and he explained that the majority of Miles City employees are not invested in fixed assets, so option number 1 would be the best option for the City

*\*\* Committee Member Andrews moved to table the Resolution until Officer Wilkins talks to the Nationwide representative, seconded by Committee Member Huber. The motion passed unanimously, 3-0*

9. **Discussion and recommendation on Resolution No. 4213- A Resolution Approving a MMIA Sworn Statement in Proof of Loss Related to Claim for Damage to Fire-Hall**

*\*\* Committee Member Galbraith moved to recommend to Council to approve the Resolution, seconded by Committee Member Andrews. After a brief discussion, and on roll call vote, the motion passed 3-0*

10. **Adjournment**

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.



**Susanne Galbraith, Chairperson**



**Lorrie Pearce Recorder/City Clerk**