

Finance Committee Meeting

November 20, 2018

The Finance Committee met Tuesday, November 20, 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: City Attorney Dan Rice, Flood Administrator/Auto Cad/Assistant PWPV Samantha Malenovsky, Fire Chief Branden Stevens, Mayor John Hollowell, TIFD/HP Officer Louise de Montigny, Detective Dan Baker, 283A Union Representatives Brady Stone and Jase Kinsey, Councilperson Ken Gardner, 283-B Union Representative Steve Fenner and Clay Bott and City Clerk/Recorder Lorrie Pearce.

Committee Chairperson Galbraith called the meeting to order.

1. Request of Citizens:

None

2. Discussion on additional cuts to General Fund appropriations

After a short discussion, it was decided to hold off on the cuts until the Ad Hoc Committee meets and see what their input was.

3. Discussion and recommendation on Olive Hotel Amusement Invoice

After a short discussion, Attorney Rice said he would contact the Montana Gaming Inspector and see if there is anything more that the City can do.

4. Discussion on purchasing Garberson Clinic

Al Homme, 910 South Strevell, owner of Garberson Clinic said he and his partner are willing to pay for the \$100,000 remodel which would take about 6 months. Once it was completed and the Police Department moved in, the rent would be \$4,500-\$5,000. This option would be a five year lease contract with the option to buy. In the meantime the City could take the \$1.2 Million purchase to the voters for a levy.

Detective Baker felt the City needed to hire Bob Murdo for the bond counsel for several reasons:

- Figure out what the best option for the City is. Either a 5 year lease with option to buy or contract for deed. Also, if there are other options that would work better for the City such as getting a loan with a lower interest rate
- Make sure the City is following all rules that are applicable- Does the remodel need to be paid at Davis Bacon wages, and does the City need an architect for the plan on the remodel or can it be handled by the Fire Chief and the Building Inspector

- It is very important to know if the City will be paying the taxes on the building after it is purchased
- Added that there are several other concerns to which a legal counsel is needed for
- Decisions need to be made to not hold up the Fire Departments plans any longer

Detective Baker also mentioned that there is a \$6,444 invoice from JGA Architects for the plans on the Garberson Clinic. He added that the plans are for the Police Department and the three other entities wanting to move in. Also, it is a very rough sketch. If the City wanted a commercial plan as discussed earlier, it would cost approximately \$30,000. It was decided that since the City had not passed a resolution to approve the hiring of JGA Architects for this project, Detective Baker needs to talk to the company and get a contract to Council to either approve or disapprove.

5. Discussion on Bond Counsel for Garberson Clinic

Detective Baker explained that there are two options as to how the City would pay for Bob Murdo services. Either pay him by the hour or pay in full after the project is completed.

*** After a short discussion, Committee Member Andrews moved to recommend to Council to approve the hiring of Bob Murdo for the Bond Counsel on the Garberson Clinic project, seconded by Committee Member Galbraith. The motion passed 2-1, with Committee Member Huber voting no*

6. Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.


 Susanne Galbraith, Chairperson


 Lorrie Pearce Recorder/City Clerk