

Finance Committee Meeting

November 7, 2019

The Finance Committee met Thursday, November 7, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Conference room. Present were Committee Members Susanne Galbraith, Brant Kassner and Rick Huber. Dwayne Andrews was excused.

Also present were: Public Utilities Director Tom Speelmon, Fire Chief Branden Stevens and Clerk/Recorder Lorrie Pearce.

Chairperson Galbraith called the meeting to order.

1. Request of Citizens and Public Comment:

Chief Stevens explained that \$25,000 in line 940 of the fire fund will not be spent on the water tender since the City did not receive the grant. He asked the Committee if he could spend it on hand held radios. Each radio would cost \$1,100 and he would replace the ones that are not working at this time. He said that there was an incident with a callout and a radio did not work. This caused a huge problem with communication to dispatch. He added that the radios are really old and there are very few of them that work. After a short conversation, the Committee thought that it was his budget and he could spend the money where he felt it needed to be spent.

2. Discussion and Recommendation on Resolution No. 4295- A Resolution Levying and Assessing the Cost of Removal and Disposal of Nuisance Weeds in the City of Miles City, Montana, From September 1, 2019 to November 15, 2019

Clerk Pearce explained that the invoice from 7th and Orr had not been received from Haynes Enterprise and would like to add it if it is received before Council meets. Consensus of the Committee was to add the additional cost if received in time.

****** *Chairperson Huber moved to recommend to Council to approve the resolution, Committee Member Galbraith seconded the motion. On a Roll Call vote the motion passed, 3-0*

3. Discussion and Recommendation on Resolution No. 4296- A Resolution Approving an Amendment to Task Order With Kadrmas, Lee & Jackson, Inc. For Services Related to the Darling Addition Street and Utilities Rehabilitation Project

Director Speelmon said that the task order is for the next phase for the Darling project. Director Gray and himself wanted to get the task order completed early so bids can possibly go out in February. If that happened, then phase III could be started early and hopefully completed on time. The task order is not budgeted, but a strip on Strevell was not completed this year, so that savings would cover the cost.

****** *Chairperson Galbraith moved to recommend to Council to approve the resolution, Committee Member Kassner seconded the motion. On a Roll Call vote the motion passed, 3-0*

4. Discussion and Approval on bid received for Bobcat Skid-Steer Loader

Director Speelmon explained that the purchases are in the budget and brought it to the Committee for transparency. Three bids were received from various Bobcat companies and the local Bobcat company sent in the lowest bids for the loader, wheel saw and blade. The total for all three is \$53,000 which is lower than the \$100,000 that was budgeted.

****** *Chairperson Kassner moved to purchase the loader, wheel saw and blade (items 4-6) from the local Bobcat company, which are the lowest bids, Committee Member Huber seconded the motion. On a Roll Call vote the motion passed, 3-0*

5. Discussion and Approval on bid received for Bobcat WS18 Wheel Saw

6. Discussion and Approval on bid received for Bobcat 108" Snow V-Blade


7. Review and discuss financial reports consisting of General Fund and Ambulance

Chief Stevens explained that he looks at his budgets from July 1st to July 1st because the costs are comparable. He felt his budgets were adequate for the month that was reviewed. He added that the fire department is participating in the Pathway Program which brings high school students into the fire/ambulance environment and hopes that it will influence them to stay in Miles City and come work for the City. Also, he is looking into moving the training center to the water plant area. This would open up the area to rebuild the fire department and also help with the possibility of training other cities and towns. It was the consensus of the Committee that General Fund and the Ambulance Fund was at their proper spending percentage that they should be for September.

8. Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:58 p.m.



Susanne Galbraith, Chairperson



Lorrie Pearce, Recorder