

Finance Committee Meeting

July 31, 2019

The Finance Committee met Wednesday, July 31, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Conference room. Present were Committee Members Susanne Galbraith, Dwayne Andrews, Brant Kassner and Rick Huber.

Also present were: Public Utilities Director Tom Speelmon, Public Works Director Scott Gray, Mayor John Hollowell, Police Chief Doug Colombik, Dispatch Supervisor Lyne Anderson and Clerk/Recorder Lorrie Pearce.

Chairperson Galbraith called the meeting to order.

1. Request of Citizens and Public Comment:

None

2. Discussion and Approval on Final Revisions to FY19/20 Budget

Chairperson Galbraith explained that as the budget stands now, a full position has been cut from the Police, Fire and Parks Department. Also, a full-time position from the City Court has been cut to a half position. With those position cut, it leaves the City a reserve of \$6,452.

The Directors and Union Representative spoke on the concerns of cutting those positions.

- Would cause more stress on the employees that are still working
- Cause a safety issue
- More overtime would be accrued, and felt that retaining the full-time positions would actually save the City money by not having so much overtime
- Over working an employee causes them to leave the City. Felt that cutting the positions would burn some employees out


There was a conversation on the City needing more grants and how the City should plan ahead for the matches. The City needs to make a plan as to where it is heading in the next five to ten years. Also, everyone thought a Public Safety levy and a Parks District was needed.

In conclusion, the Directors agreed to take a second look at their budgets and make cuts to save the positions.

3. Adjournment

***Committee Member Andrews moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Committee Member Kassner and passed unanimously, 4-0.*

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.



Susanne Galbraith, Chairperson



Lorrie Pearce, Recorder