

## Finance Committee Meeting

February 13, 2020

The Finance Committee met Thursday, February 13, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Conference room. Present were Committee Members Austin Lott, Brant Kassner, John Uden and Curtis Reese.

Also present were: Fire Chief Branden Stevens, Planner in Training Ally Capps and City Clerk/Recorder Lorrie Pearce.

Chairperson Lott called the meeting to order.

**1. Request of Citizens and Public Comment:** Chief Stevens presented four grants to the Committee asking for feed back as to whether the departments should apply for them. He said they all involve a match from the City and would affect fiscal year 2021. There are two grants for Federal Emergency Management Agency(FEMA) and two for Aid to Firefighter (AFG). They are as follows:

- Safer grant- This grant would allow the ambulance to take more out of town transfers. It would allow the City to hire three to four more firefighter/EMT/paramedics with a reduced cost to the City. The matching fund on a \$250,000 grant would be 30 to 50 percent. Having a working fire tender will help with the Insurance Service Office(ISO) rating.
- Fire Tender grant- This grant could help the department purchase a fire tender up to \$300,000. The match is 5 percent or \$15,000. Having a working fire tender will help with the ISO rating.
- Fire prevention and safety micro grant- This grant is for \$50,000 with a 5 percent match or \$2,500. This grant would help buy fire prevention material and equipment
- AFG EMS equipment for \$50,000 with a 5 percent match or \$2,500. This grant would be 100 percent out of the Ambulance fund to buy power cots and power loaders.

Chief Stevens said if he had to pick two, he would choose the Fire Tender and EMS equipment grant. He could also ask for a smaller amount on the grant for the fire tender. He thought that he would put in for the fire tender grant because he had applied last year with a rejection and it just needs updated. If the City was awarded the grant and it did not have the money for the match, then he would deny accepting the grant.

Committee Member Uden appreciated that the Chief is looking into grants, but felt it is to soon to approve or disapprove any money spending for fiscal year 2021.

After a short discussion it was decided that the Committee will look at the fiscal year 2020 budget at the next scheduled meeting and try to get an answer for him.

- 2. Discuss and recommendation on Resolution No. 4309:** A Resolution Approving a Leasehold Assignment of a one-half Interest in a Portion of Tract S of the Industrial Site, and Amended Lease Agreement, with Cowtown AG Supply, LLC, for Lease of Real Property Owned by the City of Miles City

*\*\* Committee Member Kassner moved to recommend to Council to approve the resolution, seconded by Committee Member Uden.*

Planner Capps explained that there was a co-lease between Jerry Singleton and Gary Haynes. Mr. Haynes has passed and his spouse wants to let go of her portion of the lease. The resolution and agreement will update with the new rates and combines Mr. Singleton leases. It changes the name from Jerry Singleton to Cowtown Ag Supply. It would go into effect July 2020 with rates in compliance with the Cities.

*\*\* The motion **passed** by roll call, 4-0*

**3. Adjournment**

*\*\* Committee Member Uden moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Committee Member Kassner and **passed unanimously***

The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

  
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Austin Lott, Committee Chairperson

  
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Lorrie Pearce, Recorder