

## **Finance Committee Meeting August 4, 2020**

The Finance Committee met Tuesday, August 4, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. by remote means (Zoom). Present were Committee Members Austin Lott, Brant Kassner and Curtis Reese.

Also present were: Public Utilities Director Tom Speelmon, Police Chief Doug Colombik, Planner in Training Ally Capps, Fire Chief Branden Stevens, Dispatch Supervisor Lyne Anderson, Floodplain Administrator Samantha Malenovsky, Mayor John Hollowell, Deputy City Clerk Mary Rowe & City Clerk/Recorder Lorrie Pearce.

Chairperson Lott called the meeting to order.

### **1. Request of Citizens and Public Comment:**

None

### **2. Discuss and Recommendation for 2020/2021 Preliminary Budget**

Clerk Pearce said that she was looking at the tax spreadsheet and there was an error. She was not sure what the difference will be. She felt it would be at least \$7,000-\$10,000 to much revenue, she needed to recalculate the spreadsheet because the one she used was not up to date.

Committee Member Reese asked if the County would pitch in more money to support the Special Resource Officer. Chairperson Lott thought that the numbers looked good enough to add it back into the budget.

Councilperson Wilcox asked why the expense went up in the police department object code 220. Chief Colombik and Dispatch Supervisor Anderson confirmed that it is the cost of body cams and the City is receiving revenue to cover the cost. Councilperson Wilcox made a last push to approve a one to two percent wage increase to Department heads that supervise others. Committee Member Reese agreed. Mayor Hollowell thought that the committee should look at giving an increase to just the employees who requested the increase or to all non-union employees. He explained that the City has a process on wage increase request for non-union employees. He felt giving the increase to a certain group was not idealistic. After a short discussion, it was decided to discuss the increase for union and non-union employees at a later date.

Administrator Malenovsky explained her costs that were cut earlier.

- EDA grant would cost \$125,000 and the City would receive \$100,000 for the grant

- KLJ Expenditures would cost \$7,500 and the City would receive \$2,250 back from the County
- Murdo's expenditures would cost \$5,000 and the City would receive \$1,500 back from the County
- City will get reimbursed \$24,000 for the slough grant
- A net change of increase would be \$9,750

Chairperson Lott asked if it was possible to use the capital improvement fund to repair some items at the fire department. Chief Steven said it would take about \$10,000 for the repairs, which would include \$6,000 to repair the sewer line, with additions cost to replace rain gutters and roof repair on the cabins. Clerk Pearce said there was \$38,995 in the CIP fund.

There was a long discussion on the percentage that the City wants to move from Fire to Ambulance. It was decided to talk about it at a later date.

Chief Colombik said that he had extended the acceptance date for the Special Resource Officer (SRO) and a decision needs to be made by August 31<sup>st</sup>. The cost to the City in the first year would be \$14,800, the second year would be just under \$17,000 and the third year, would be a little higher than the \$17,000. Starting the fourth year, the City would pay 100% of the wage cost. He has contacted the school district to see if they are interested in a match for the position, but had not contacted the county. If the school district and county agrees, a Memorandum of Understanding would need to be signed.

*\*\* Committee Member Lott moved to add the SRO and flood changes that were presented by the Flood Administrator and Police Chief, seconded by Committee Member Reese. The motion passed unanimously*

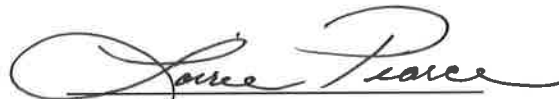
### 3. Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:13 p.m.



Austin Lott, Committee Chairperson



Lorrie Pearce, Recorder