

FINANCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

NOVEMBER 12, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 5:34 p.m. by Becky Williams. Committee members present were Jim Matuszak and Becky Williams. Tim McCarthy was absent. Also present were Bridgette Kabat, City Administrator, Laura Alkire, Law Director, Dave Creps, Finance Director, Amber Rathburn, Deputy Finance Director, and Steve Bronder, Income Tax Commissioner.

APPOINTMENT OF COLLEEN BOFF TO WAY LIBRARY BOARD

Ms. Williams moved to go into Executive Session to discuss the appointment of a public official. Seconded by Mr. Matuszak. The Committee went into Executive Session at 5:34 p.m. and returned at 5:39 p.m. The Committee agreed 2-0 to recommend approval of the appointment of Colleen Boff to the Way Library Board.

APPOINTMENT OF JOHN AUBRY TO WAY LIBRARY BOARD

Ms. Williams moved to go into Executive Session to discuss the appointment of a public official. Seconded by Mr. Matuszak. The Committee went into Executive Session at 5:43 p.m. and returned at 5:53 p.m. The Committee agreed 2-0 to recommend approval of the appointment of John Aubry to the Way Library Board.

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Committee reviewed expenditures greater than \$5,000 for October. Ms. Williams asked about a payment for a jobs grant, a payment to Jones & Henry for the water study, and a payment for training props for the Fire Division. Mr. Matuszak asked about a purchase from Motorola, and Ms. Kabat explained that it was for some replacement radios for the Fire Division. There was brief discussion about a recent pursuit in the City and the related use of the police radio system.

Mr. Creps reported that the balance in the Health and Welfare fund continues to drop as expected. He said the balance as of October 31, 2019 was \$755,862.98. He said that they are wrapping up quotes for next year and he anticipates a small increase of 3%-5%.

TAX COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Mr. Bronder reported that income tax collections for October were a little over \$1.4 million, which was a 4% drop from October 2018. He said there was a 4% drop in withholding taxes as well, but he was not able to identify anything in particular. Year to date collections through October were \$18.2 million which is up 7.5% from the same period last year.

2020 BUDGET DISCUSSION

The Committee reviewed the administration, finance, law, and prosecutor's proposed budgets for 2020. Mr. Creps said that funds were added to the finance budget in case he retires next year, and there is an increase in the EDP line item to cover new finance software. Ms. Kabat said that the administration budget increased because starting in 2020 Jon Eckel will be paid out of her budget. Ms. Alkire stated that there was not much change in the budget for the law department. She added that the postage amount increased for the prosecutor's office because of Marsy's law which requires notification of victims.

DOLLARS FOR SPLASH PAD

Mr. Matuszak asked about the \$20,000 in the 2019 budget to do a study regarding a splash pad and noted that there were no dollars in the 2020 budget. Ms. Kabat explained that they visited the splash pad in Defiance. Defiance spent \$2 million for their splash pad, playground, and to update the bathhouse. The company that did Defiance's splash pad, Vortex Aquatic Structures, gave us proposals for three different splash pads. The prices were \$168,000, \$222,000 and \$300,000. Mr. Matuszak asked if we know the cost of water and sewer for a splash pad. Ms. Kabat said that she can put together the costs based on the information from Vortex.

OTHER BUSINESS

The Committee welcomed Amber Rathburn, the new Deputy Finance Director.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Matuszak, Chairman
Finance & Economic Development Committee

Next meeting: Tuesday, December 10, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.