

FINANCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

OCTOBER 23, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 5:03 p.m. by Chairman Jim Matuszak. Committee members present were Nelson Evans, and Jim Matuszak. Tim McCarthy arrived at 5:06 p.m. Also present were Bridgette Kabat, City Administrator, Dave Creps, Finance Director, and Steve Bronder, Income Tax Commissioner.

OFFICIAL PAYMENTS AGREEMENT

Ms. Kabat explained that currently the Department of Public Utilities accepts credit card payments online. To improve their customer service, they would like to let customers use their credit cards onsite at the billing office. Official Payments provides the equipment to use, and the customers pay the credit card fee. However, VISA is okay with their customers paying the fee online, but not in person unless City Council passes a resolution authorizing the Department of Public Utilities to accept credit card payments. Ms. Kabat explained that they have discussed this with Official Payments because it doesn't make sense why they require it for onsite payments but not online payments. Official Payments said that they don't understand it either. Mr. Matuszak questioned the wording of the last Whereas clause of the proposed resolution because we are accepting payments, not providing payments to them. Ms. Kabat said that the wording will be changed prior to the City Council meeting. The Committee agreed 3-0 to recommend approval of the resolution.

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Committee reviewed the list of expenditures greater than \$5,000 for the month of September. There were questions regarding payments to Lakeside Interior Contractors, Collaborative, Bowers Asphalt, and the Owens Police Academy. All questions were addressed by the Administration.

Mr. Creps reported that the Health Insurance Fund had a balance of \$33,784.50 as of September 30. There was discussion regarding stop loss coverage. Mr. Creps said that he will be bringing the health insurance renewals to the Committee next month. The preliminary numbers are in and are up, but they are not huge increases.

2018 BUDGET

The Committee discussed the second fire station, the multi-use path along the river and the grant money for that path. Mr. Matuszak asked if we have a breakdown for the shading and seating at Riverside Park. Ms. Kabat said we have 85% of the figures. Mr. Matuszak asked if any thought had been given to allowing the public to pay for any of it. Ms. Kabat said that the benches are \$920 each, the footstools are \$500 each, and once this body has blessed what they are going to do, they can look into public participation. Mr. McCarthy said that he does not see funds for ditch fencing in the budget. Ms. Kabat said

that it is included in the ditch maintenance line item. She said that she will be sending out an email to City Council regarding fencing options and staff comments about the fencing.

INCOME TAX COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Mr. Bronder reported that income tax collections for the month of September were over \$1.5 million dollars which is a 2% increase over September, 2016. Year to date collections through September are \$14.9 million dollars which is a 1.6% increase over the first nine months of 2016.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Matuszak, Chairman
Finance and Economic Dev. Committee

Next meeting: Monday, November 27, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.