

FINANCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

JUNE 11, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Chairman Jim Matuszak. Committee members present were Jim Matuszak and Becky Williams. Also present were Dave Creps, Finance Director, and Steve Bronder, Income Tax Commissioner.

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Committee reviewed expenditures greater than \$5,000 for the month of May. Ms. Williams asked about a purchase from O.E. Meyer which was a ventilator for the Fire Division, and Mr. Matuszak asked if the payment to Michigan Pavers was the final payment, and he asked about payments for the new fire station. Mr. Creps said that there are still some invoices trickling in for the new fire station.

Mr. Creps reported that the balance in the Health and Welfare fund as of May 31, 2019 was \$991,381.56. He said that the balance has been steady, but there was an invoice that came in the end of the month that was actually paid in June.

Mr. Creps distributed the estimated revenues for 2020. He said that these are very preliminary numbers, but we have to get them to the County by mid-July to get the Certificate of Estimated Revenues. Mr. Creps said that this is a housekeeping measure that we do every year. He said that the biggest number is income tax collections, and they have projected an increase of \$750,000 over 2019. Mr. Matuszak asked about the water revenue. Mr. Creps said that he used the 2019 number and adjusted it based on the increase approved from the water rate study. Mr. Matuszak stated that he would prefer more time to review the numbers, but Mr. Creps has been doing this for many years, so he'll trust his judgment. The Committee agreed 2-0 to recommend approval of the Estimated Revenues for 2020.

Mr. Creps distributed a chart showing the property and liability insurance costs over the last 25 years. He said that it has been pretty steady since 2002. He said that there were three companies that wanted to give us quotes, but we only received one bid. He said that one of the companies said that they could not submit a bid because we have a large outstanding claim. Mr. Creps said that the Ohio Plan, our current carrier, submitted a bid for \$144,143. Mr. Creps stated that the coverage is the same and takes effect July 1. Mr. Matuszak and Ms. Williams agreed that they are okay with it as long as it is the same coverage and it includes the new fire station.

INCOME TAX COLLECTION

Mr. Bronder reported that income tax collections for May were a little over \$1.2 million dollars which is up 9% from May 2018. Year to date collections for the first five months of 2019 are \$10.5 million which is up 8% from the first five months of 2019. Mr. Bronder said that since he's been with the City there has been a 3-4% increase each year so he's not sure that the 8% increase will hold for the entire year.

OTHER BUSINESS

Rick Ruffner requested that the City pay for police coverage for the Christmas parade. He explained that this is a community event and it is not a fundraiser. He said that last year the cost was around \$2,500. Mr. Ruffner said it is cheaper to use the Sheriff's auxiliary, but he can't use them unless all of the City officers turn it down. Mr. Matuszak said that he is in favor of the City covering these costs. Ms. Williams stated that the parade has been going on for years, and she agrees that it is a community event. The Committee agreed 2-0 to recommend to City Council that the cost of law enforcement for the 2019 Christmas parade be covered by the City, provided that such cost is in line with previous years'.

Mr. Ruffner stated that he is in favor of free enterprises, but he asked how it is fair that a food truck can come in and do business in the City seven days a week and only have to pay \$100. There was discussion regarding food trucks and the fee that they are required to pay. Mr. Matuszak said that when that legislation passed he was in favor of a higher fee but was told that the fee could not be higher than the City's costs in issuing the permit. The Committee agreed that the fee could be reviewed to make sure that it covers the cost of issuing the permit.

Jim Hagen, 10741 Avenue Road, asked if the company that the Department of Public Utilities will be using for credit card payments will have access to customer accounts. He questioned the company's level of security. Mr. Bronder said that he believes those companies are regulated by the government and have certain standards they must meet.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Matuszak, Chairman
Finance & Economic Development Committee

Next meeting: To be determined.