

Finance Committee
Tuesday, April 9, 2024
6:00 p.m. Medina City Hall – Council Rotunda

In attendance: J. Coyne – Chairman, J. Shields, P. Rose, R. Haire, D. Simpson, N. DiSalvo, and J. Hazeltine

Also present: Mayor Hanwell, Greg Huber, Nino Piccoli, P. Patton, K. Dirham, Jarrod Fry, Andrew Dutton, Chief Kinney, Kathy Patton, Cindy Lastuka, Judge Werner, Rick & Tammy Kirby, Kimberly Marshall, Chet Simmons and Skip Sipos

1. Assignment of Requests for Council Action

2. 24-030-2/12 – Amend Code 941.06(B) – Sanitation Rates

Keith Dirham stated the Utility Rate Review Committee met and reviewed some items. They've been running deficits in the sanitation fund for a few years now, and need to make a change. The reason they held off was the uncertainty with what is happening with CPF. Suggested that rates rise from \$16 to \$20, need to determine if they want to do that all in one year or spread it over two years like John wants to do.

Nino mentioned the containers and roll off rates increasing also. Mr. Shields feels it would be good to give the business owners a little time to plan for their budgets.

Proposal would be July 1st, 2023 raise price by \$2 for residential, January 1st, 2025 costs increase for commercial, July 1st, 2025 \$2 for residential rate. Must notify the residents immediately.

Mayor Hanwell stated it was also recommended that each year when the budgets are done to take a look at the revenue verses the expenses and then in 2026 if we need to add another \$1 and in 2027 another \$1. The plan would be to review each year and before we get ourselves into a hole like now, try to whittle away at it.

John stated we still have the lowest rate for sanitation collection and we are a public entity.

Mr. Shields moved to approve the residential rates \$2 in July 2023 and July 2025, the commercial increase to take effect 1/1/25 seconded by Mr. Simpson. Motion passed 7-0.

3. 24-082-4/9 – Budget Amendments

a. #2024-020 – Probation Dept. – office supplies

Cindy stated this is to help the probation dept. working. Mr. Shields moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Motion passed 7-0.

b. #2024-021 – Probation Dept.

Mr. Shields moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Motion passed 7-0.

4. 24-083-4/9 – OneOhio Funding to Medina County ADAMH Board

Mayor Hanwell spoke of the Opioid settlement with the three largest distributors of opioids stating a certain percentage of that goes into treatment and peer recovery. The city has been getting checks incrementally from the state, and this is the first request for appropriation. Hope Recovery asked the ADAMH Board to ask for the money since Hope Recovery is a 5013c and not a government operation. ADAMH will provide the money and oversee the grant with them. Jim Shields will abstain from voting since he is a member of the ADAMH Board. Mr. Simpson moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Rose. Motion passes 6-1 Jim Shields abstained.

5. 24-084-4/9 – Rescind Ord. 117-23 – MOU w/Uptown Thirteen Five, LLC

Kimberly stated this is to rescind Ord 117-23 in relation to infrastructure improvements related to a downtown development project. Uptown Thirteen Five LLC has decided to not move forward with the project due to economic reasons. Do we update the RFP/RFQ? Is council still comfortable with including this same type of support and assistance to a future developer. Mr. Shields moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Motion passed 7-0.

6. 24-085-4/9 – Resolution to Approve/Disapprove County 9-1-1 Plan

Mayor Hanwell stated they have to have a plan in place according to the Ohio Revised Code and it has to be passed by a certain percentage of the municipalities or political subdivisions in the county for the plan to be adopted. Mr. Shields moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Motion passed 7-0.

7. 24-086-4/9 – Expenditure to Chippewa Roofing – Fire Station #1

Nino Piccoli stated this roof at Fire station one has been a pain for a while. There have been repairs made over the years. Going forward, 1/3 of this roof is shingle the other 2/3 is that EPDM rubberized roofing. The part we are looking at is the shingle side and this proposal will address tear off, replace and fix rotten decking, includes ice guard around entire roof and adding ridge vents. Council decided to use the unanticipated capital account. Mr. Shields moved to approve with the payment coming from the unanticipated capital account, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Motion passed 7-0.

8. 24-087-4/9 – Purchase 2024 Freightliner Roll-Off Truck – Sanitation

Nino stated they had a 2002 international hook lift roll off truck with 372,000 miles on it and 20,000 hours and has served the city well. This truck was in an accident and beyond repair. We got \$5,600 at auction for it. The new hook lift truck will cost \$269,000 through the ODOT State bid process. Mr. Shields moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Motion passed 7-0.

9. 24-088-4/9 – Consultant Selection – Medina Municipal Airport

Patrick stated the FAA requires them every 5 years to go through a consultant selection process to select the architect and engineer for capital projects at the airport. After going through that process Patrick recommends Delta Airport Consultants as their consultant. Mr. Shields moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Motion passed 7-0.

10. 24-089-4/9 – Amend S&B Code 31.05 – Probation Department

Cindy stated they hired Captain Kevin Ross from the Sheriff's department. Cindy stated they had a full-time open slot for Kevin.

John mentioned that this is a 40-hour job coming from the General Fund which is not covered by grant funds.

Laureen helped straighten all the positions out, adding another part-time probation officer to the list.

Cindy requested the emergency clause as Kevin has already started.

John asked how council felt about giving Kevin a week vacation right off the bat because that is not what we do when we hire someone for the city, they have to work a year first.

Judge Werner explained that the Municipal court is a separate branch of government, created under a different title of the Ohio Revised Code. We are not trying to mess up your policies, we just run a different operation over there.

Keith stated if you want to look at the policy, he feels council should consider that when someone is hired we accrue people's vacation so many hours per pay period. The change you

could make is to just let people start accruing their vacation on day one. This gets around the retro problem. We can approve the position tonight but discuss the vacation and policies. Mr. Shields moved to approve to amend the Salaries and Benefits Code to reflect the part-time person and the fulltime person, retroactive to March 25th and with the emergency clause, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Motion passed 7-0.

There being no further business, the Finance Committee adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

John Coyne, Chairman