

Finance Committee
Monday, February 8th, 2021
6 p.m. Medina City Hall – Rotunda & Remote

In attendance: J. Coyne - Chairman, E. Heffinger, P. Rose, and J. Shields, and D. Simpson. B. Lamb and J. Hazeltine were absent.

Also present: Mayor Hanwell, Greg Huber, Patrick Patton, Keith Dirham (remote), Nino Piccoli, Chief Kinney, Kathy Patton, Dan Gladish, Jansen Wehrley, Matt Tomek, Kimberly Marshall, Ed Kagel, and Cindy Lastuka

1. Assignment of Requests for Council Action
2. 21-025-1/25 – Budget Amendments

#2021-005 – Municipal Court – Probation Dept.

Cindy Lastuka stated this is to pay for a text notification for the probationers that get notifications from their probation officers letting them know when they need to call in or do a video call. Mr. Shields moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Motion passed 5-0.

#2021-006 – Municipal Court – Clerk’s Office (COVID-19)

Cindy stated this is to complete the clerk’s work stations with partitions. Coming out of Furniture & Fixtures fund. Mayor Hanwell stated they are still tracking everything COVID-19 in case the Federal Government passes another bill and it is retroactive so we can try and recoup some of these things. Mr. Shields moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Motion passed 5-0.

3. 21-026-2/8 – Discussion of Project #1025: Design, W. Smith Rd., Phase 4

Mr. Patton stated West Smith Road is a big project and he wanted to bring to council’s attention a couple of design things asking for comments. Ed Kagel from American Structure Point, he is our consultant that is preparing the plans for this project. This project has over \$2 million dollars in Federal money that will help pay for it we have to go through ODOT and follow protocol. The plans are 30% complete at plan Stage 1, and have received an approval from ODOT. April will be Stage 2 where we will be at 60% complete with plans. We are required to have and are currently in the public comment stage.

***Projects exhibits will be included with minutes.

- Council discussed possible flashing lights at the 2 way stop signs crossing over Smith Rd. seems to be a high accident area.
- Proposed a sidewalk over the rail tracks, have to discuss with Wheeling.
- Wider sidewalk but comes up to the curb is the preferred option from council.

Ed stated they are looking at a few different options on controlling the flow of traffic and are still in the preliminary phases of developing the maintenance and traffic scheme. This is an idea/overview of what they are anticipating for a general truck detour to provide a safer work zone during construction for the workers and residents. Looking at a potential variable block closure. Sanitary work by the county will also be done.

Kimberly suggested making the wider sidewalks a multi-purpose path and saving money. They

are looking at some other path connections in the Industrial Parkway and some planning grants through NOACA for multipurpose path down Lake Road and wanting to connect that into West Smith Road.

Mr. Patton stated it is all feasible but it takes money.

Mr. Kagel stated they were very focused on avoiding as much right-of-way as possible to keep costs contained overall in the process.

There was discussion on squaring up Baxter Street. Dennie stated that historically this has been another high accident area because of the site.

Mr. Patton wrapped it up by stating schedule-wise April is their next date for plan submittal, in May they should get their right-of-way authorization. Looking to bid this project at the end of 2022 and begin construction in the beginning of 2023. They would prefer to bid trees and lights as alternates to the project, reason being their grant is capped.

4. 21-027-2/8 – Expenditure Over \$15,000 – Osborne Medina – Service Dept.

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5. 21-028-2/8 – Contract w/ Gatchell Grant Resources – AFG – Fire Dept.

Mayor Hanwell stated they received this grant and it has a deadline of February 12th. In order for us to be eligible for this grant we will need to pass this tonight with the emergency clause. Mr. Shields moved to approve with the emergency clause, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Motion passed 5-0.

6. 21-029-2/8 – Amend Ord. 131-20, Airport Detention Basin Project #947

Mr. Patton stated council passed this last July and since then they have had more review comments both from Medina County and FAA we since have addressed those and now have full approval. The comments have resulted in an increase in cost estimate and need to increase to \$178,000.00.

Mr. Huber and the Mayor went out and gave a presentation to the Stephenson Foundation showing them the new master plan, the new administration building, the new hangars where this will go, and if we could build more hangars then we could create a revenue stream. They understood the positive economic impact that our airport has for the community. A while back they agreed to paying for a third of the project which came to \$50,700.00. Mayor Hanwell went back and asked if they were still interested in paying a third or would they like to lock in \$50,700.00. They agreed to go up to but not exceed \$60,000.00. Mr. Shields moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Motion passed 5-0.

7. 21-030-2/8 – Letter of Interest – NOACA – Fast Vehicle Charging Stations

Mr. Patton stated that NOACA has a program to install fast charging vehicle charging stations and they have opened it to anyone that is interested. If council authorizes it will allow us to submit the required letter to tell them we are interested and they would do the ground work, it does not bind us to anything. It would be 100% paid for through NOACA there is no match responsibility for the city. Pat stated by the time this gets to council it will be more than 30 days and we need the emergency clause. Mr. Shields moved to approve with the emergency clause, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Motion passed 5-0.

8. 21-031-2/8 – Final Payment – Project #1081 City Hall Rotunda

Mr. Patton stated the final cost for the Rotunda project came in at \$165,390.00, however, we did have a couple of change orders. We came in well under the \$245,826.00 estimated cost. Mr. Coyne stated the money left over was about \$80,000.00 and they were trying to determine if it could be put towards other COVID related projects. Mr. Shields moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Motion passed 5-0.

9. 21-032-2/8 – Purchase – Memorial Park Pool Heater – Precision Mechanical

Jansen Wehrley stated they are in a pretty narrow window for getting this in time for opening. Jansen stated that this request is being modified to not exceed \$25,000.00 for Aqua Pools Incorporated. Mr. Shields moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Motion passed 5-0.

10. 21-033-2/8 – MCRC Capital Improvement Fund Purchase Order

Jansen stated this is to request the purchase order for Medina City Schools for the current cash balance for the Capital account. Jansen spoke of the water feature that has been broken for some time and it really is the number one amenity at the leisure pool. He has been working with a contractor to come up with a new design to replace that retro fit to bring the attraction back. The second project on the list is a playground surfacing project for the rascal room, the playground is in disrepair and not able to be used. Mr. Shields will abstain from voting since it involves his employer.

Mr. Simpson moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Rose. Motion Passed 4-1. Jim Shields abstained.

11. 21-034-2/8 – Accept Donation – Estate of Howard C. Ward Jr. – Christmas Décor

Mr. Huber stated they were informed by the estate of Howard Ward that he wanted to bequeath \$75,000.00 to the City of Medina where her grew up and was a graduate of the Class of 1941 to be earmarked for Christmas lighting. This ordinance would acknowledge receipt of the money and authorize the mayor to sign receipt for the money. Mr. Shields questioned if there were any of his family members still local to invite them to the lighting ceremony. Mr. Shields moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Motion passed 5-0.

12. Executive Session (imminent litigation)

It was moved by Mr. Shields and seconded by Mr. Simpson to enter into Executive Session at 7:11 p.m. for conferences with the City's Law Director concerning disputes involving the City which are the subject of pending or imminent court action to include the Mayor and Law Director. The roll was called and motion approved by the yea votes of E. Heffinger, J. Shields, J. Coyne, D. Simpson and P. Rose.

Executive session adjourned at 7:25 p.m. The Finance Committee reconvened at 7:30 p.m., and there being no further business, adjourned.

John M. Coyne, Chairman