

MINUTES
FINANCE COMMITTEE
NOVEMBER 6, 2017

The Finance Committee met on November 6, 2017, at 4:30 p.m. in the Council chambers at City Hall.
Present: Chairman Thornton, Alderman Braun, Alderman Colwell, Alderman Jenkins, Mayor White
Office Manager Passage

Chairman Thornton called the meeting to order.

Chairman Thornton stated that there are four agenda items for discussion.

SECOND QUARTER BUDGET REVIEW

Office Manger Passage presented the 2017-18 second quarter budget review information. A discussion was held regarding Revenue sources by funds and expenses by fund. The overall budget is good. When the budget is set we budget revenues conservatively and projects are approved as they come forward. Expenses that are over at this time will be monitored by the appropriate supervisor. Charts showing Sales Tax, Income Tax, Telecommunication Tax and Video Game Tax were given to the committee for their review.

WATER FUND – RATE REVIEW

Office Manager Passage presented information regarding the water rates. The highest category where citizens used water in was the 251 – 500 rate category. A discussion was held regarding the meter replacement project. Office Manager Passage stated that there were approximately 62 meters remaining to be installed for that project. She stated that the user fee that was placed on the water bill in the amount of \$5.00 was put on in May of 2010. The infrastructure fee (bond fee) was put on in April of 2006. This was for the water tower installation and debt certificates were issued and this will be concluded in April 2026. She also informed the committee that over the last three years there have been several infrastructure expense that have been incurred along with a few employees retiring with a significant payout.

A discussion was held regarding the rate structure.

Alderman Colwell stated that a few years ago the city had an entity with the state do a rate analysis and requested that the office manager try to find that analysis and report back to the committee.

ELECTRICAL AGGREGATION UPDATE

Office Manager Passage advised the committee that the Mayor and herself met with Charles de Casteja and Jerod McMorris representatives of GoodEnergy. They advised that they had met with Homefield Energy who is our supplier and they have agreed to drop the rate with an extension of the contract. Mayor White stated that he had signed the agreement to make the extension.

ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL LEAGUE RISK MANAGEMENT –INSURANCE PAYMENT

Office Manager Passage stated that she had received the invoice for the city's annual contribution payment for insurance in the amount of \$143,481.80 plus \$775.00 for dues. She advised that if the city makes payment by November 17 we could take a 1% discount of \$1,414.81. The total the city would pay would be \$142,821.19. She stated that this was approximately a 2.5% increase over last year. After

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discussion, there was a motion by Alderman Colwell seconded by Alderman Braun that the committee recommend payment. Motion carried via voce vote.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 5: 17 p.m.

Respectfully,

James Thornton
Chairman