

## FINANCE COMMITTEE

March 19, 2015

### MEMBERS

Chairman Budd  
Alderman Burtle  
Alderman Vota  
Mayor Brotherton

### ALSO PRESENT

Mayor Brotherton  
Treasurer Nation  
Alderman Walters  
Alderman Heberling  
Rocky Moore  
Bev Morrison

Attorney Romano  
Alderman Dorchinecz  
Alderman Koonce  
Myrna Hauser  
Andy Lasswell

### MEMBERS ABSENT

Alderman Jones

Chairman Budd called the meeting to order at 8:15 P.M.

### Hotel/Motel Tax

Myrna Hauser, owner of the Market Street Inn Bed and Breakfast, feels the Hotel/Motel Tax Money should not be used to help send the Taylorville High School Band to Washington, D.C. to perform at the Fourth of July Parade. She feels gaming money should be used instead. Mrs. Hauser stated that five years ago a \$1,000.00 Garden Walk request was rejected. She read a prepared statement regarding the City's need of a budget and strategic plan for tourism using the Hotel/Motel Tax Money. She stated the 150<sup>th</sup> Celebration of Lincoln's Death is this year and we should be marketing our area for tourism as we are a suburb of Springfield. Mrs. Hauser stressed the need for better signage, and digital advertisement for Taylorville.

Chairman Budd stated our kids are our advertisement and we are proud to have them share their musical talents as representatives of Taylorville, Illinois in Washington D.C. He stated that we are within legal directives using Hotel/Motel Tax Money for this event.

Chairman Budd and Mayor Brotherton noted that the City, Main Street and the Chamber are all working towards revitalizing the Square and planning for an awesome display at Christmas.

### Borrowing Money Between Funds

Attorney Romano would like Borrowing Money Between Funds placed on the next City Council Agenda. He stated any transfer of funds requires full Council approval and should be paid back within the same fiscal year.

### Hotel Reimbursement for Treasurer's Conference

Motion by Alderman Vota and seconded by Alderman Burtle to recommend to the City Council to approve reimbursement of cost of lodging, travel and meals to Treasurer Nation for attending the Treasurer's Conference. Motion carried 3-0.

### Approval of FY 2015/2016 Budgets-HBO/Lake/Airport

#### HBO Budget

Motion by Alderman Burtle and seconded by Alderman Vota to recommend to the City Council to forward the HBO Budget to the City Treasurer for further refinement. Motion carried 3-0.

### Lake Budget

Motion by Alderman Vota and seconded by Alderman Burtle to recommend to the City Council to forward the Lake Budget to the City Treasurer for further refinement. Motion carried 3-0.

It was noted a new pickup and used truck for the Lake Guard are included in this request.

### Airport Budget

Motion by Alderman Vota and seconded by Alderman Burtle to recommend to the City Council to forward the Airport Budget to the City Treasurer for further refinement. Motion carried 3-0.

Lake Chairman Vota noted that the \$20,000.00 contingency included in the budget is included for moving the beacon if necessary.

### American Tower Lease Agreement/Bishop Cove Area/Lake Taylorville

Chairman Budd informed the Committee that he had received the latest hard and final numbers regarding the American Tower offer. They are not willing to go higher than \$140,000.00 for purchasing the property where the tower sits. For the lease extension they are offering \$700.00 a month immediate rent increase, 3% annual rent increase, 20% revenue share on each new additional tenant, and a \$20,000.00 signing bonus.

We now receive \$4,000.00 annually (\$333.33 per month) for rent. This offer will make it \$1,033.33 per month or \$12,399.96 per year plus the yearly 3% increase (\$372.00 the first year). This offer will extend the contract to the year 2052.

Mayor Brotherton is in favor of selling. Alderman Vota is in favor of selling as it will release us of any liability. Alderman Burtle feels if we take the \$140,000.00 lump sum that money will all be used up and we will have nothing to show for it. If we take the monthly deal, money will always be coming in. Alderman Dorchinecz feels we should keep the property, but reminded the Committee that if we do decide to sell, it would have to be open for anyone to purchase. Alderman Walter feels we should sell due to the liability. Alderman Koonce feels we should sell and Alderman Heberling lease. It was noted that American Tower pays the property taxes. All agreed the money should go to Lake Restoration Funds.

Chairman Budd asked the Committee to decide as we have been negotiating since October.

Motion by Alderman Burtle and seconded by Alderman Vota to recommend to the City Council to accept the lease extension of \$700.00 a month immediate rent increase, 3% annual rent increase 20% revenue share on each new additional tenant, and a \$20,000.00 signing bonus with all proceeds to go to the Lake Restoration Line Item. Motion carried 3-0.

Chairman Budd noted that he voted yes on this motion to get it to the full City Council.

### Funding Source for 30" Northeast Sewer Line

Chairman Budd presented a Cost Estimate from Greene & Bradford for the 30" Sanitary Sewer Gravity Main and 10" Force Main which will go from Landmark Chevrolet, east to a straight line to Snodgrass to the 30" main, a 10" main south to Snodgrass, directional boring from the end of Snodgrass to Bidwell Street, to Long Street, and then to Esther Street.

The overage on the Non Home Rule Tax and the interest on the \$10 million sewer fund could be used for this project. Ward II Aldermen asked about adding the funding for the final phase of the Kenton Addition

sewers to the list. It was felt that bonding \$3.4 million and using the overage on the Non Home Rule Tax and the interest on the \$10 million sewer fund could complete both projects for a total of \$3.7 million.

Committee Members feel the City is aware we have a dangerous sewer issue and this will be a start; we need a solution. Alderman Dorchinecz feels because of the Prison sewer problem and this could be an emergency situation, we should ask the State for financial help. Chairman Budd will contact Joe Greene to get construction plans for the 30" Northeast Sewer Line Project.

Alderman Burtle said we will not pay for the plans from Joe Greene until we see if we get the funding. Mayor Brotherton and Chairman Budd said that preliminary plans have been done for years. Mayor Brotherton pointed out that Joe Greene had drawn up a rough concept map showing the proposed route the project would take and this information was used to begin the process of acquiring the necessary easements for the project. It was noted that this is just an estimate-the project will have to be bid.

Alderman Walters asked about the fingers going to the 30 "main and 10 " main to help with the sewer and drainage problems in Ward I.

Motion by Alderman Burtle and seconded by Alderman Vota to recommend to the City Council to ask David Pistorius to attend the next Finance Committee Meeting to discuss funding for the Northeast Sewer Line Project. Motion carried 3-0.

Mayor Brotherton asked that it be documented that a majority of the Aldermen approve of him authorizing City Engineer Joe Greene to prepare and submit a pre-application for potential low interest funding for the Choe Property (MAI) Storm Sewer project in Ward II and for the 30" Northeast Sewer Line Project. All Aldermen present agreed.

#### Christmas Decorations

The Christmas Decorations issue will be addressed when there is more information available.

#### Revenue Source from Annexations

Chairman Budd is hoping to speak to the Mayor of Jacksonville regarding the revenue received when a prison is in City limits. It was noted that the prison was built on land already in City limits. The Department of Revenue said there is money in annexing from Utility and Telecommunication Funds. He would like to have some information before this is addressed at the Water Committee Meeting.

Since we have a new Republican Governor who will have to sign off on annexing the Prison and a new City Attorney and several local Republican representatives we might approach them that the Prison is causing us major sewer problems and annexing them in may monetarily help fix some of the problem.

Motion by Alderman Vota and seconded by Alderman Burtle to recommend to the City Council to direct the Mayor and City Attorney to contact the Governor's Office regarding annexing the Prison to the City of Taylorville. Motion carried 3-0.

The City is hoping to annex Ahlstrom's and the properties included in the hole in the donut by them. If Ahlstrom's agrees to annex we would keep their rates the same as they are now. The effect on the Fire Protection District will be determined.

The consensus was that the Mayor and City Attorney and Alderman Dorchinecz move forward with talks with Ahlstrom's regarding annexation.

Alderman Dorchinecz informed the Committee that there is a great deal of work in the annexation process for the City Clerk. He is asking that all other annexations be addressed one at a time as the City Clerk's time permits. The next Water Committee packet will have a list of all hole-in-the-donuts so the Committee can decide where to proceed. All monies will go into the General Fund.

#### Treasurer's Report

##### Sales Tax

City Treasurer Nation reported that the December 2014 Sales Tax was \$253,343.21 compared to \$240,011.67 in December 2013. Year-to-date is \$142,198.14 more than December 2013.

##### Non Home Rule Sales Tax

December 2014 NHMR Sales Tax was \$100,793.14 compared to \$100,366.15 in December 2013. Year-to-date is \$40,873.39 more than December 2013.

##### Sewer Project Fund

Interest earned on this account to date is \$188,876.79. The current balance is \$220,911.21.

Motion by Alderman Vota and seconded by Alderman Burtle to recommend to the City Council to accept the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried 3-0.

##### Any Other Matters

Mayor Brotherton informed the Committee of a request from Valerie Miles, Airport Records Clerk, for \$450.23 for driving 783 miles for City business (using her personal vehicle) since June 2014. This includes mileage for airport daily checks, airport equipment maintenance, Water Department training, crossing guard, etc. Committee members discussed the need for extra vehicles for such use, accident liability, etc.

Chairman Budd informed the Committee that with the new phone system, it will be very time consuming to bill each Department separately. There will be one Administration line item for all departments except the Water Department and Lake Department until such time CTI has coverage to them.

Motion by Alderman Burtle and seconded by Alderman Vota to adjourn. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 10:53 P.M.

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Larry Budd, Chairman