

## FINANCE COMMITTEE

April 21, 2016

### MEMBERS

Chairman Budd  
Alderman Burtle  
Alderman Vota  
Alderman Jones  
Mayor Brotherton

### ALSO PRESENT

Treasurer Nation	Owen Lasswell
Alderman Walters	Chris Biondolino
Alderman Moore	Cindy Dey

Chairman Budd called the meeting to order at 6:40 P.M.

### Optimist Request for Funding for 4<sup>th</sup> of July Fireworks

Mayor Brotherton, on behalf of the Optimist Club, is requesting the annual contribution of \$3,000.00 for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Fireworks.

Motion by Alderman Jones and seconded by Alderman Burtle to recommend to the City Council to contribute \$3,000.00 to the Optimist Club for the Fourth of July Fireworks Display with \$2,500.00 coming from the Hotel/Motel Tax to help promote tourism and \$500.00 coming from the General Fund and with additional assistance from the City if absolutely necessary up to \$10,000.00 to meet the three year commitment. Motion carried 4-0.

### Exchange Agreement with First National Bank of Taylorville and City Owned Parking Lot

Mayor Brotherton informed the Committee that he spoke with Mr. Jim Beavers and Mr. David Combs regarding the proposed property exchange between the City and First National Bank. He advised that the Bank's Board of Directors had voted down the City's proposal and the planned expansion of the Bank's current building project has been put on hold. The Committee suggested the Mayor attempt to talk with the bank representatives to determine if something could be done to get the project back on track. All Aldermen present stated that they thought it was worth making the attempt.

### Request for Telecommunication Tower within the City's Right of Way

Street Superintendent Wiseman was contacted by a Callie Marso a representative for Network Technology Authority IL, LLC (NTAIL), requesting utilization of the City's right-of-way to erect a 120 ft. tall utility pole in the utility easement located on the south side of Langleyville Road near its intersection with North Cheney Street. The Mayor contacted all of the Aldermen for their review, via email, a copy of the letter along with the attachments that had been received.

The Committee discussed that the City has a large diameter storm sewer line installed in the existing easement where NTAIL wants to erect the utility pole. The pole's base would extend deep into the ground and there are concerns that it could damage the sewer line.

Mayor Brotherton stated that he had also advised NTAIL that the 120 ft. tall proposed tower would be in violation of an existing City ordinance that limits the height of communication towers.

### Maintenance Agreement for Traffic Signal Lights with State of Illinois

The City of Taylorville and the State of Illinois (IDOT) have an Intergovernmental Agreement for Governmental Body Maintenance of Traffic Control Devices. On May 7, 2015 the City paid Bodine Electric \$5,886.96 to repair the traffic signal located at Route 48 and Lincoln Trail that was damaged April 21, 2015.

According to the agreement the State of Illinois is responsible for 100% maintenance and repairs of this traffic signal; the City has to pay it upfront.

The City has submitted to IDOT the full reimbursement of \$5,886.96 for the maintenance and repairs. The insurance company representing the person who damaged the traffic signal negotiated with IDOT's Attorney to settle for paying \$3,000.00. The Attorney for IDOT advised the City would have to sign the Release of Property Damage Claims. The City Attorney has advised the City not to sign the release and since has spoken with the IDOT's Attorney and advised her that the City will not sign the release.

Motion by Alderman Vota and seconded by Alderman Burtle to recommend to the City Council to direct the Mayor **not** to sign the Release of Property Damage Claims for the damage of April 21, 2015 at Route 48 and Lincoln Trail. Motion carried 4-0.

#### City's Participation with the Purchase of a New Ambulance

Chairman Budd stated that the City Council voted to participate with the Fire Protection District in purchasing a new ambulance for the Fire Department with the City contributing \$25,000.00. It was the consensus of the Committee to issue a check to the Fire Protection District for \$25,000.00.

#### Purchase of Little John Digester Units

The Committee discussed the financing of the proposed purchase and installation of three Little John Digester units. The units appear to be the most economical solution to the odor and hydrogen sulfide problems that have been plaguing the sanitary sewer lines and the lift stations installed throughout the City. Mayor Brotherton mentioned that he had made a trip to the Jasper, Indiana area to see the digester units in action. He advised that he had received positive comments about the units from everyone he had spoken with at the site.

A quote of approximately \$155,000.00 for the purchase and installation of three of the Little John Digester units has been given to Street & Sewer Superintendent Dick Wiseman. Mayor Brotherton also stated that the employees showing him the units in Indiana suggested purchasing OdaLog RTx Loggers in conjunction with the digester units. These instruments take continuous readings of the air inside the lift stations and log the data. The Mayor stated that the instruments cost approximately \$1,800.00 each and that he was hoping a deal could be made that would include three of these in the purchase price of the digesters.

Motion by Alderman Vota and seconded by Alderman Burtle to recommend to the City Council to purchase and have installed three of the Little John Digester units and three or four of the OdaLog RTx Loggers a cost not to exceed \$170,000.00 with the funds coming from the Non-Home Rule Sales Tax Excess Account. Motion carried 4-0.

#### FY2016/2017 Budgets

The Committee reviewed the FY2016/2017 Lake, Water and Fire & Police Commission Budgets.

Motion by Alderman Vota and seconded by Alderman Burtle to recommend to the City Council to approve the FY 2016/2017 Lake Department Budget and forward to the City Treasurer for further refinement. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Alderman Vota and seconded by Alderman Jones to recommend to the City Council to approve the FY 2016/2017 Water Department Budget to the City Treasurer for further refinement. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Alderman Jones and seconded by Alderman Burtle to recommend to the City Council to approve the FY 2016/2017 Fire & Police Commission Budget to the City Treasurer for further refinement. Motion carried 4-0.

Treasurer's Report

The January 2016 Sales Tax (received in April 2016) was \$190,022.96 compared to \$186,223.44 in January 2015 and year-to-date is \$6,799.42 more than January 2015.

The January 2016 Non Home Rule Sales Tax (received in April 2016) was \$74,145.33 compared to \$73,621.68 in January 2015 and year-to-date is \$523.65 more than January 2015.

The interest earned on the Sewer Project Fund Account to date is \$189,239.26 and the current balance is \$115,798.61.

Motion by Alderman Vota and seconded by Alderman Jones to recommend to the City Council to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion carried 4-0.

Any Other Matters

Chairman Budd pointed out the article in the Breeze Courier Wednesday, April 20, 2016 regarding the Personal Property Replacement Tax Funds that the State discovered it overpaid local governments. The City of Taylorville overpayment amounted to \$14,307.00.

Chairman Budd presented a quote for the Municipal Lease to Own Program regarding TPD Dispatch Upgrades and TFD Radio System Upgrades.

The Committee briefly discussed Direct Deposit of payroll checks and Online Bill Payments for the Utility Bills.

Alderman Burtle would like for Treasurer Nation to prepare an outline explaining the procedure of preparing budgets.

Motion by Alderman Jones and seconded by Alderman Vota to adjourn. Motion carried 4-0.

Meeting adjourned 8:32 P.M.

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Larry Budd, Chairman  
Finance Committee