

FINANCE COMMITTEE
May 18, 2016

MEMBERS

Chairman Budd
Alderman Burtle
Alderman Vota
Alderman Jones
Mayor Brotherton

ALSO PRESENT

Alderman Walters	Dan McNeely
Alderman Heberling	Robert Steiner
Police Chief Herpstreith	Rebecca Steiner
David Pistorius	Cindy Brown
Jared Blaudow	Cindy Dey

Chairman Budd called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

Refinancing Bonds

Mr. David Pistorius, Senior Vice President of First Midstate Investment Bankers of Bloomington, Illinois, presented a Savings Report for the City's Series 2009 and Series 2011 Alternate Bonds. This savings report shows the potential savings the City could realize if both the Series 2009 and 2011 Bonds were to be advance refunded in June 2016.

Motion by Alderman Jones and seconded by Alderman Vota to recommend to the City Council to retain First Midstate Inc., Bloomington, Illinois as Underwriters or Placement Agent, as applicable to proceed with refunding the Series 2009 and Series 2011 Alternate Revenue Bonds and to direct the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the appropriate papers. Motion carried 4-0.

Health Insurance Presentation

Mr. Jared Blaudow with Dimond Bros. Insurance addressed the Committee regarding a proposal to change to a higher deductible BlueCross BlueShield (BCBS) Plan with an HRA (Health Reimbursement Arrangement). The thought is that a higher deductible plan will save premium dollars that can then be deposited into an account used to pay for medical expenses on a tax free basis for the participating employees. The account would be administered by a third party. An employee with a large claim would have the majority of it covered with the insurance and much of the portion not covered could be reimbursed to the employee from the HRA account. Funds from the HRA that are not spent during the plan year would revert to the City and could be used to offset premium increases in future years or to help fund the HRA account for the next year.

The majority of the Aldermen present seemed to be in favor of moving forward with the proposal but felt that it would be extremely important that the concept be communicated to the employees in a manner that would make it easily understandable. Staying with the current health care plan means paying an 11.8% increase in premium cost which would be in excess of \$142,000.00. The goal of the City in switching to the higher deductible plan is to reduce that premium cost to a level that would allow the City to pay the higher deductible expense for the employees thereby keeping the costs to the employees about the same as last year.

Motion by Alderman Vota and seconded by Alderman Burtle to recommend to the City Council to move from the current BlueCross BlueShield Plan to BluePrint PPO 4000 as of July 1, 2016 renewal and set up reimbursement arrangements to keep very similar as the previous July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016 benefits. Motion carried 4-0.

Sam Taylor Façade Grant Application

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Steiner, owners of property located at 100 West Market Street are requesting funds from the Sam Taylor Façade Grant Program for renovations to the property at 100 West Market Street (formerly known as Dukes Office Supply). The estimated cost of the project is \$25,000.00 - \$50,000.00. Taylorville Main Street has approved and signed the application for the Sam Taylor Façade Grant for property at 100 West Market Street.

Motion by Alderman Burtle and seconded by Alderman Jones to recommend to the City Council to approve the Sam Taylor Façade Grant Application from Mr. and Mrs. Robert Steiner for renovations to the property at 100 West Market Street, pending the completion of the façade project the amount may vary, and the submission of all paid receipts. Motion carried 4-0.

Municipal Lease to Own Program

Police Chief Herpstreith explained to the Committee that he has included in the FY2016/2017 Police Department Budget \$28,000.00 to update the Dispatch area with new radios, furniture, consoles, door controllers, etc.

The Department has been informed the Howard G. Buffett Foundation is in the process of exploring a Regional Communications Center to be built in Macon County. This Regional Communications Center will dispatch for Macon, Shelby, Christian, Moultrie, DeWitt and Fayette Counties. The proposal would provide dispatch services for all disciplines within the aforementioned counties. The SAFR Group has been tasked with conducting an audit/review, which he is in the process of completing. There is a projected two year time frame for completion of the dispatch center.

Chief Herpstreith is requesting that the funds for the Police Department Dispatch upgrades remain in the FY2016/2017 Budget. He will keep everyone informed as more information becomes available regarding the Regional Dispatch Center.

FY2016/2017 Budgets

The Committee reviewed the following FY2016/2017 Budgets: Police Pension, Fire Pension, Perpetual Care, Fire, Street, Sewer, Hotel/Motel Tax, Band, ESDA, Audit, Municipal Building, Health and Safety, Garbage, Contingency, Motor Fuel Tax, and Police.

Motion by Alderman Vota and seconded by Alderman Jones to recommend to the City Council to approve the following FY2016/2017 Budgets: Police Pension, Fire Pension, Perpetual Care, Fire, Street, Sewer, Hotel/Motel Tax, Band, ESDA, Audit, Municipal Building, Health and Safety, Garbage, Contingency, Motor Fuel Tax, and Police and forward them to the City Treasurer for further refinement. Motion carried 4-0.

Outstanding Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) Resolutions

Chairman Budd informed the Committee that the outstanding Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) Resolutions will be discussed at the next Finance Committee Meeting when the City Treasurer and Street Superintendent are available.

Payroll Direct Deposit

Motion by Alderman Burtle and seconded by Alderman Jones to recommend to the City Council to direct the City Treasurer to begin the process of Payroll Direct Deposit with the least disruption to the employee. Motion carried 4-0.

Any Other Matters

Mayor Brotherton advised the Committee that he and Alderman Vota met at the bike trail trestle bridge along with Mayor Sipes of Pana, Pana Alderman Jerry Jorden, and another individual from Pana. Also present were Cliff Frye, Bill Kennedy and Lake Superintendent Alan Jackson. Bill Kennedy looked at the condition of the trestle and felt that some kind of repair was not totally "out of the question". There was some discussion about the possibility of applying for a grant to help fund the needed repairs or bridge replacement. Mayor Sipes would like to know if the City of Taylorville would consider sharing the costs of preparing and submitting a grant application.

Mayor Brotherton suggested that an additional \$4,000.00 be added to the Lake Department Budget in case Taylorville decided to share the application costs with Pana and he stated that a portion of those funds might also be utilized to share the cost of debris removal at the bridge this fall.

Motion by Alderman Burtle and seconded by Alderman Jones to adjourn. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:54 P.M.

Larry Budd, Chairman
Finance Committee