

FINANCE COMMITTEE  
July 21, 2016

MEMBERS

Chairman Budd  
Alderman Jones  
Alderman Vota  
Mayor Brotherton

MEMBERS ABSENT

Alderman Burtle

ALSO PRESENT

Treasurer Nation	Owen Lasswell
Shirley Sams	Fred Jansen
Alderman Olive	Amery Gardner
Gerry Mahr	
Superintendent Speagle	
Tom & Penny Perry	
Patty Hornbuckle	

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

Christian County Senior Citizens-Request for Funding

Mr. Gerry Mahr, Executive Director of the Senior Citizens of Christian County, is requesting the City of Taylorville to consider contributing \$5,000.00 to help with the needs of the Senior Citizens Center. Treasurer Nation advised this was included in the FY 2016/2017 Budget. Treasurer Nation asked Mr. Mahr to send her an invoice.

Motion by Alderman Jones and seconded by Alderman Vota to recommend to the City Council to contribute \$5,000.00 to the Christian County Senior Citizens. Motion carried 3-0.

Chamber of Commerce Request for Funds/Chilifest

Mrs. Patty Hornbuckle, CEO of the Taylorville Chamber of Commerce, asked the City to consider contributing \$5,000.00 for help promoting this year's Chilifest event; the money would be used for advertising, as well as entertainment. Mrs. Hornbuckle stated this is their biggest fundraiser and it benefits the whole City as it attracts people to town, to eat, shop etc. She also advised it is not official yet, but State Representative Avery Bourne has presented a proclamation to be approved by the House to make Taylorville the "Chili Capital of Illinois".

These funds come from the Hotel/Motel Tax Fund. There was discussion regarding the City's revenues stating the City doesn't have the revenues it has had in the past including the revenue in the Hotel/Motel Fund. Alderman Vota stated the Chamber asked for a contribution last year also; in past years the Chamber did not ask for a contribution. The Committee asked if anyone has actually figured out how much money is raised from sales tax during the Chilifest weekend; she didn't know but suggested checking the sales tax received receipts when the Treasurer receives them. Alderman Vota also stated that he would like the budget for Chilifest presented when asking for any financial support from the City.

After a lengthy discussion the Committee agreed to contribute \$3,000.00, but advised it would go to Council to be voted on at the next City Council. She was informed that 60% of the Hotel/Motel Fund goes to Downtown Taylorville.org. to be used for Christmas decorations, a light show, etc.

Motion by Alderman Jones and seconded by Alderman Budd to recommend to the City Council to contribute \$3,000.00 to the Greater Taylorville Chamber of Commerce to help promote the Chilifest with funds coming from the Hotel/Motel Tax. Motion carried 2-1.

### Facility Dude-Software Presentation

Mayor Brotherton set up a webinar in the Council Chambers for all to view while on speaker with representatives of Facility Dude for a software presentation. They advised the program is customized for each City; it is not a standard program. This software is to be used to map inventory and infrastructures by starting out tracking day by day operations and can be utilized by iPads and iPhones. The presentation showed a section of Taylorville on the map and showed how the City could show where the water lines, sewer lines, gas lines etc. on the map and can label what work has been done in what area which would be helpful for the departments to work together. In time the Superintendents would be able to pull up a section of the map and know how many repairs on what have been made in a specific area. This software is very easy to use; for example, if driving and hit a pot hole just push a button on your phone and it will send a message to create a work order; the software will pull up location and address. With this software you can note the employee who did what work.

Mayor Brotherton asked Water Superintendent Speagle if he thought this software program would be beneficial to the City. He stated he has seen software programs similar to this in the past but being able to connect by iPhone or iPad would be very convenient. He also stated it would be beneficial to be able to see who the closest worker needed for a specific job is located; to know who to send would save a lot of time.

They asked the representatives if there were any cities close by that are utilizing their program; Arcola, Metamora and the Village of Diamond as well as the Counties of Kankakee and Clark are some of their clients. Mayor Brotherton advised the representatives of Facility Dude that all the Superintendents were asked to attend but didn't have much notice and could not attend. This will be on next month's agenda.

The cost for the program is \$9,699.99 to set up and \$5,000.00 annually.

### Outstanding MFT Resolutions

Chairman Budd advised he and Treasurer Nation spoke with IDOT regarding the FY 2015/2016 MFT Funds. The State has not received the Resolution for MFT funds, which shows the breakdown of equipment and labor for different categories such as snow and ice removal, etc. for 2015 have not been submitted yet.

### Balance of Funds Remaining from FY 2015/2016 Budget

Treasurer Nation handed out a worksheet which detailed the balance of funds for each Department and what was actually spent.

### Outstanding Loans

Treasurer Nation discussed the various Bonds, the payment schedules, and the payoff of each. The Telecommunication Tax Fund will not have any funds that can be used for anything until after 2032.

### American Tower Lease Agreement at Bishop Cove Area

Nothing new to report on the American Tower Lease Agreement at this time, this will be placed on next month's agenda.

### Treasurer's Report

The April 2016 Sales Tax (received in July 2016) was \$213,750.89 compared to \$221,480.11 in March 2015 and year-to-date is \$14,533.62 less than April 2015.

The April 2016 Non Home Rule Sales Tax (received in July 2016) was \$86,600.02 compared to \$91,530.51 in April 2015 and year-to-date is \$9,274.06 less than April 2015.

Interest earned on the Sewer Project Fund to date is \$189, 272. 63. The current balance is \$115,015.44

The City received \$16,065.95 on July 11, 2016 for the April Video Gaming and on July 18, 2016 the City received 14,610.03 for the May Video Gaming.

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 3-0.

ANY OTHER MATTERS

City Treasurer Nation advised City Attorney Romano has approved the direct deposit form to be completed by employees; there will be a notice in the Municipal Newsletter informing the employees if interested in receiving their check through direct deposit to see Treasurer Nation to complete the form. The Committee asked when this would start; it will take a couple of month's to set up. She was asked to bring the number of employees that signed up for the direct deposit to next month's meeting.

Motion by Alderman Jones and seconded by Alderman Vota to adjourn. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:28 P.M.

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Larry Budd, Chairman  
Finance Committee