

FINANCE COMMITTEE

August 18, 2016

MEMBERS

Chairman Budd
Alderman Vota
Alderman Burtle
Alderman Jones
Mayor Brotherton

ALSO PRESENT

Treasurer Nation	Owen Lasswell
Attorney Romano	Chris Biondolino
Alderman Walters	Cindy Dey
Alderman Olive	
Alderman Dorchinecz	
Bob & Rebecca Steiner	

Chairman Budd called the meeting to order at 8:35 P.M.

Sam Taylor Fund Request for Reimbursement

On June 6, 2016 the City Council approved the Sam Taylor Façade Grant Application from Mr. and Mrs. Robert Steiner for renovations to the property at 100 West Market Street. They are requesting the reimbursement of funds from the Sam Taylor Façade Grant Program as the renovations have been completed and the paid receipts have been submitted.

Motion by Alderman Jones and seconded by Alderman Burtle to recommend to the City Council to approve the reimbursement request of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Steiner of \$7,500.00; the maximum amount allowed from the Sam Taylor Fund per Resolution No. 1147 for renovations to the property at 100 West Market . Motion carried 4-0.

Sam Taylor Façade Grant Application Update

Treasurer Nation advised the Committee that the current balance in the Sam Taylor Fund is \$13,661.34 and that there is one approved Sam Taylor reimbursement still outstanding that will close the Sam Taylor Fund. Chairman Budd will advise Ms. Marcia Neal, Director of Downtown Taylorville.org that the Sam Taylor Fund will be depleted after funds are disbursed to the final two approved reimbursements and advised them not to accept any more applications.

Elected Official Salaries

The Committee began discussions for salaries of the elected officials. The salaries must be set 180 days before the Mayor, City Clerk, City Treasurer and Aldermen take office. There was some discussion on raising the salary of the Aldermen by \$500.00 per year. Discussions will continue at the next Finance Committee Meeting.

City Manager Position

Mayor Brotherton stated that he would like the Aldermen to give some serious consideration to the idea of hiring a City Manager/Administrator. He pointed out that because there are no professional requirements tied to the Mayor's position it was possible to have someone who lacked knowledge and skill to properly carry out the administrative duties of the City. He feels that a professional City Manager might provide the needed expertise and also provide continuity that can be disturbed via the election cycle.

Several Committee Members voiced their concerns about the cost. It was stated that a city Manager would probably demand an administrative assistant which would cost additional money. Alderman Walters stated that he did not want someone not elected by the people to have control over the hiring of employees or the City's spending.

Mayor Brotherton stated that the City Manager would be hired via a contract which would allow the elected officials to retain control of the major decisions involving the City. He stated that it would not be much different than employing a City Attorney or City engineer. The City Manager would make recommendations but the City Council would make the decision on whether or not it would accept or follow those recommendations thereby retaining control.

Credit Card & Online Payments for Water Bills

Treasurer Nation informed the Committee that she is still acquiring quotes from two companies for the implementation of Credit Card and On Line Water Bill payments.

American Tower Lease Agreement

Chairman Budd requested that the Committee review the new distributed American Tower Lease Agreement before the next Finance Committee Meeting.

Annual Audit Analysis

Mayor Brotherton informed the Committee that he spoke with a representative of the accounting firm Lively, Mathias, Hooper & Noblet, LTD about performing an analysis of the City's annual audits to help the City Council Members better understand the financial condition of the City. He stated that he had received a verbal quote of \$2,000.00 to have the analysis done and is requesting for a motion to authorize an audit analysis.

Motion by Alderman Vota and seconded by Alderman Jones to recommend to the City Council to authorize the Mayor to contact Lively, Mathias, Hooper & Noblet, LTD to perform an audit analysis at a cost not to exceed \$2,000.00. Motion carried 4-0.

Facility Dude-Software

The Mayor advised the Committee that the City's Superintendents had the opportunity to view a demonstration of the software that the Facility Dude representatives were trying to sell the City. He stated that although he felt the software could be very useful, the majority of the Superintendents did not seem overly impressed. He also stated that he saw no sense in purchasing something that the Superintendents were probably not inclined to utilize. No action taken.

Sidewalk Reimbursement/Prompt Care

Mr. Ed Grunloh, Developer for the Prompt Care Facility located at the intersection of Rt. 29/104; e-mailed an invoice to Mayor Brotherton requesting reimbursement of \$6,000.00 for sidewalk construction. The City agreed to cover 50% of the cost of the sidewalk installation. The Mayor e-mailed Mr. Grunloh requesting for a more detailed itemization of the costs but has not received it.

Motion by Alderman Vota and seconded Alderman Jones to recommend to the City Council to approve the reimbursement of 50% of the sidewalk installation costs not to exceed \$6,000.00 for the Prompt Care Facility located at the intersection of Rt. 29/104 contingent upon the receipt of a detailed itemization bill. Motion carried 3-1.

Treasurer's Report

The May 2016 Sales Tax (received in August 2016) was \$216,805.91 compared to \$220,863.21 in May 2015 and year-to-date is \$18,590.92 less than May 2015.

The May 2016 Non Home Rule Sales Tax (received in August 2016) was \$89,817.92 compared to \$92,313.73 in May 2015 and year-to-date is \$11,768.87 less than May 2015.

Interest earned on the Sewer Project Fund to date is \$189,288.16. The current balance is \$115,030.97.

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.

Motion by Alderman Burtle and seconded by Alderman Jones to adjourn. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 10:10 P.M.

Larry Budd, Chairman
Finance Committee