

FINANCE COMMITTEE

October 16, 2012

MEMBERS

Chairman Lawrence
Alderman Vota
Alderman Jones
Mayor Brotherton

ALSO PRESENT

Treasurer France
Rich Hooper
Dick Adams
Becky & Eugene Edwards
Clark Pearce

Chris Fehr
Jacque Nation
Shirley Sams

MEMBERS ABSENT

Shawn Burtle

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

CHRISTIAN COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION- REQUEST FOR FUNDING

Mr. Dick Adams representing the Christian County Economic Development Corporation (CCEDC) was in attendance requesting the City of Taylorville to consider contributing \$5,000.00. Mr. Adams presented the Committee with copies of the Annual Report of the Economic Development Corp. of continuing projects, updates and future plans for the corporation.

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

MAIN STREET CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

Becky Edwards and Clark Pearce were present to discuss Main Street's plans to purchase new decorations for the Square. She told the Committee that Alderman Walters had approached her in regards to the Christmas decorations around the Square advising her that the pole toppers need replaced.

They presented the Committee with pictures showing what their plans were for the new decorations around the Square and a worksheet outlining the costs associated with having the lights on for 5 hours a day for the Square only and 5 hours a day for the Square and side streets. They advised the new decorations will be LED lights and stated they met with D.J. Kennedy of Ameren Illinois to determine the electrical costs associated with the new decorations. They asked the City to contribute the estimated annual cost for electricity which is \$700.00 annually.

Mrs. Edwards was asked who they had to do the work associated with the decorations such as who is going to be changing the bulbs etc. She stated they haven't gotten that far into the particulars yet as they are just getting ready to start looking for benefactors to purchase the decorations first.

Motion by Alderman Jones and seconded by Alderman Vota to recommend to the City Council to approve the City being responsible for up to \$700.00 annually for the LED lights for the downtown area. Motion carried 3-0.

FY 2011/2012 AUDIT PRESENTATION

Mr. Rich Hooper of Lively, Mathias, Hooper and Noblet presented the findings of the audit for the Fiscal Year ending April 30, 2012. He stated the summary of the major revenue sources (excluding transfers) for the fiscal year is \$12.8 million compared to \$12.2 million in 2010/2011. He stated this was done by tough decisions that have been made with personnel issues and the Superintendents not replacing equipment. Following is a breakdown of some of the issues Mr. Hooper discussed.

- He explained that he had a disclosure which is on page 1 paragraph 3 of the annual report. The City's financial statements do not disclose the actuarial and statistical data as required for the City's Police and Firefighters Pension Plans. The State did not provide this information this year but have already announced that they will continue to do these reports next year. Treasurer France stated she had a formula to calculate this information for the Tax Levy. She also informed the Committee the Department of Insurance now mandates that all downstate pension funds send Pension Board Members to costly training, therefore the Police and Fire Pensions did not use the services of an actuary which could have cost approximately \$5,000.00 each.
- The City has total assets of \$41,817,106 and liabilities of \$19,541,791, resulting in net assets of \$22,275,315 as of April 30, 2012. Of the net assets, \$15,129,827.00 represents investment in capital assets, net of related debt; \$3,791,731 is held for restricted purposes, and unrestricted net assets of \$3,353,757.
- 2011 was a full year for the Non-Home Rule Sales Tax, there was an increase of \$830,000.00 over last year.
- He stated the representatives that attend the Illinois Municipal League Conference may hear discussion about the State wanting to hold on to funds that are currently being disbursed to the municipalities. Decisions by the State can have significant ripple effects throughout the State.

Mr. Hooper advised the City has to continue to keep a diligent watch as the unknown continues with the economy and not knowing how the State changes are going to affect the local governments. He advised overall he is very pleased as a taxpayer as well as auditor with the annual report and he is very impressed with what the City has accomplished. He thanked the City Treasurer and City Clerk and their staffs for providing the information needed for the audit.

Mr. Hooper stated as this will be the last audit he will be reviewing with Treasurer France that he wanted to thank her, that it has been a pleasure working with her, not only is she technically proficient in doing the Treasurer's duties she is always ethical.

Treasurer France stated that anytime she has a question she calls him and it has been a pleasure working with him.

Motion by Alderman Jones and seconded by Alderman Vota to recommend to the City Council to accept the FY 2011/2012 Audit as presented by Rich Hooper of Lively, Mathias, Hooper and Noblet. Motion carried 3-0.

TREASURER'S REPORT

- July 2012 Sales Tax (received in Oct.) was \$202,443.84 compared to \$292,851.28 in July 2011 (State made up for unremitted sales tax Christian County FS for 9 months). Year-to-date is \$6,921.42 less than last year.
- July 2012 Non-Home Rule Sales Tax (received in Oct.) was \$83,980.90 compared to \$152,512.21 in July 2011 (Again, because of FS remittance). Year-to-date is \$22,260.96 less than last year.
- Sewer Project Fund-Taylorville Memorial Hospital remitted a check for \$117,500.00. This is half of the amount they will reimburse the City for materials, construction and engineering costs paid by the City for the 36" storm water line. The other half will be paid in October 2013. Interest earned on the account to date is \$175,658.69. Current balance is \$1,513,845.95. Treasurer France provided the Committee with a current statement of revenues and expenditures.

ANY OTHER MATTERS

Chris Fehr, representative of Family Heritage, was present to discuss policies his company offers; such as the Cancer Care Plus brochure he presented, stating their products are refundable supplemental insurance. He also explained that their company is different in that they return premiums if you have claims or if you stay well, and they refund your premiums, less any claims paid, after twenty years. He is just asking the Committee to allow him to approach employees.

The Committee asked Treasurer France how this would affect the current policies already offered to the employees through the City she advised it would not. There was discussion regarding how the payments would be handled as the billing will not be done by payroll deductions; the City will not be involved in any transactions. Mr. Fehr was asked if his policies can be cafeteria plans and he stated they could. After discussion the Committee informed him he would be allowed to use the basement of the Municipal Building, but the employees will have to do so on their own time.

Alderman Jones advised the Committee that he has policies with this company and they have very good products and he has never had any problems

Motion by Alderman Jones and seconded by Alderman Vota to adjourn. Motion carried 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 P.M.

John Lawrence, Chairman
Finance Committee