

FINANCE COMMITTEE

July 17, 2014

MEMBERS

Mayor Brotherton
Chairman Budd
Alderman Jones
Alderman Burtle
Alderman Vota

ALSO PRESENT

Treasurer Nation
Alderman Dorchinecz
Alderman Heberling
Shirley Sams

Chairman Budd called the meeting to order at 9:43 P.M.

ALLOCATION OF VIDEO GAMING MONEY

There was a lengthy discussion regarding whether or not the video gaming money should go into a segregated account. Alderman Jones asked if there was a ledger showing where the video gaming money is being spent. Treasurer Nation advised there is not, but the gaming money is going to the General Fund which is used to pay the City's bills, salaries, etc. Mayor Brotherton stated that there needs to be a way to track it as everyone wants something from this revenue and there should be some accountability. Treasurer Nation advised she already has numerous bank accounts to handle if they want to see where the money is spent they could go through all the expenditures.

Chairman Budd advised if the Council continues setting up special accounts for everything before long there is no money going into the General Fund and then asked where the money is going to come from to pay bills and salaries. He stated some of the accounts have to be separate. Treasurer Nation stated some have to be segregated such as the Telecommunication Tax which can only be used to pay the Emergency Services Bond, the Non-Home Rule Tax can only be used for the Sewer Bond and the Utility Tax which is used for Street Maintenance. The Mayor, Alderman Jones and Alderman Dorchinecz want a procedure in place to show accountability of the video gaming money to show what is coming in and what is being spent.

Motion by Alderman Jones to recommend to the City Council to set up a separate account for the Video Gaming Money; motion died for a lack of a second.

ALLOCATION OF ORDINANCE VIOLATION MONEY

Chairman Budd advised he had the allocation of Ordinance Violation money placed on the agenda to make a point regarding setting up separate accounts. He advised the Committee the amount of money the City receives from the County for the Ordinance Violations is very little to go towards the attorney fees.

STATUS OF 803 E. FRANKLIN

Chairman Budd advised someone is interested in purchasing the property at 803 E. Franklin and asked about how to proceed. Mayor Brotherton advised the City has to recoup at least 80% in order to sell. Alderman Vota stated if sold it should be sold for market value. In order to determine market value an appraisal would be needed. Mayor Brotherton advised the City needs to know how much the party interested in purchasing this property is interested in spending as he doesn't want to pay money for an appraisal if the appraisal costs more than they are willing to pay. The City has had problems in the past getting an offer of the 80% for other properties. This will be forwarded to next month's Finance Committee Meeting.

REIMBURSE AMVETS FOR THE 4th OF JULY PARADE INSURANCE

The Mayor asked the Committee to reimburse the AMVETS their insurance premium for the 4th of July Parade. He was asked why the City should cover this expense. The Mayor advised that the AMVETS were not going to have the parade this year and he feels that the City has to have a 4th of July Parade. He told them if they do the parade the City would cover the cost. The Mayor advised this will be researched by the City's Insurance Agent

Gary McNeely, KMRM to see if the City's insurance would have covered it; but due to not enough time to research for this year the City would reimburse the premium. If it does, the AMVETS will be asked to continue having the parade.

Motion by Alderman Jones and seconded by Alderman Burtle to recommend to the City Council to reimburse the AMVETS \$599.00 for the 4th of July parade insurance. Motion carried 4-0.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The April 2014 Sales Tax (received in July 2014) was \$219,707.42 compared to \$208,898.40 in April 2013 and year-to-date is \$40,938.40 more than April 2013.

The April 2014 Non Home Rule Sales Tax (received in July 2014) was \$91,971.44 compared to \$89,026.77 in April 2013 and year-to-date is \$1,679.98 less than April 2013. The current amount in the Non Home Rule Excess account is \$171,023.79 as of July 16, 2014.

The interest earned on the Sewer Project Fund Account to date is \$188,313.09 and the current balance is \$299,318.54.

ANY OTHER MATTERS

Alderman Dorchinecz asked if you have to have a practicing attorney present at the Court House for all of the Ordinance Violations.

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

Meeting adjourned at 10:33 P.M.

Larry Budd, Chairman
Finance Committee