

FINANCE COMMITTEE

January 20, 2022

MEMBERS

Chairman Dorchinecz
Alderman Budd
Alderman Bryant
Alderman Skultety

ALSO PRESENT

Mayor Barry
Alderman Olive
Alderman Brown
Alderman Wilson

Clerk Lilly
Treasurer Hamell
Superintendent Mann
Jacque Nation

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

FY 2022/2023 BUDGETS

Chairman Dorchinecz requested that all superintendents start preparing budget items earlier this year to move the process along in a timely manner. He noted that Capital Plan items for year one should be added to the expense requests. Superintendent Mann requested that all superintendents receive the monthly revenue/expense report as they had received in prior years, as it is necessary to monitor their line items. He also requested that the City revert back to the roundtable approach to discuss budgets between superintendents and elected officials.

ELECTED OFFICIALS FUTURE TERM SALARY INCREASES

Chairman Dorchinecz believes that the increases for future elected officials should be tied to the consumer price index and/or cost of living increase. Although this term does provide a 2% increase each year for the Mayor, City Clerk, and Treasurer, that has not always been the case. He requests that this be considered as the 2025 term salaries are set 180 days prior to that election. The 2023 election will be for four Aldermen, and that salary will be set in October of this year. Treasurer Hamell inquired as to staggering the election of Mayor, City Clerk and Treasurer rather than all being elected during the same election.

BDD APPLICATIONS

Business Development District applications were presented to the Committee, after receiving approval from the Business Development District Committee in January.

Motion by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Budd to recommend to the City Council to approve the Business Development District No. 1 Redevelopment Agreement for Christian County Integrated Community Services, Inc. in the amount of \$896.00. The motion carried (3-1).

Motion by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Budd to recommend to the City Council to approve the Business Development District No. 1 Redevelopment Agreement for Gary A. Spurling and Brenda S. Spurling in the amount of \$6,355.00. The motion carried (3-1).

Motion by Alderman Budd and seconded by Alderman Skultety to recommend to the City Council to approve the Business Development District No. 1 Redevelopment Agreement for Southern Ledge, LLC and Theresa Wiltsie and Ron Wiltsie in the amount of \$17,150.00. The motion carried (4-0).

Motion by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Budd to recommend to the City Council to approve the Business Development District No. 1 Redevelopment Agreement for SM Capital, LLC in the amount of \$5,000.00. The motion carried (4-0).

Alderman Budd noted that there is now a flat maximum payout amount of \$5,000.00 for any application for reimbursement of signs, regardless of the project amount. This was suggested and approved by the BDD Committee.

Alderman Skultety expressed his support for businesses that generate BDD tax revenue only to receive BDD reimbursement.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Hamell presented a summary of various bank accounts. The majority of these are balanced. She also presented the December 31, 2021 Revenues vs. Expenditures report, highlighting various increases in many of the departments.

Motion by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Budd to recommend to the City Council to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented.

ANY OTHER MATTERS

Mayor Barry provided information regarding the Bridge Replacement on the Bike Trail. He will be meeting with the Mayor of Pana to discuss the plans for the project. In a December 2021 letter, Illinois Department of Transportation stated that the previous grant amount of \$497,000.00 is set to expire soon. It is an 80/20 grant, with the City of Taylorville and the City of Pana each responsible for 10%. Previously, the City Council approved to pay up to \$110,000.00 if necessary to complete the project. The current estimate is approximately \$300,000.00 above the amount of the grant due to increase in materials and labor since the original bids were received following the grant application. A new grant application may be prepared to absorb the increase. Once completed, the City of Pana will then deed the bike trail from Taylorville to Owaneco to the City of Taylorville.

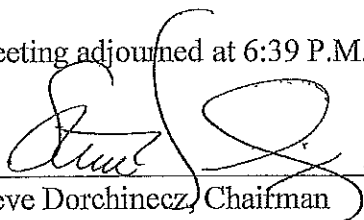
Clerk Lilly received a call from a real estate developer from the Chicago area who has a client who has received a recreational marijuana dispensary license for this area. He expressed his interest in the City, and inquired as to the feelings of the Council on allowing a dispensary. An email was forwarded to all Aldermen, the Mayor, and the City Attorney with a recap. Alderman Skultety stated that this would be placed on the next Ordinance Committee agenda for further discussion.

Superintendent Mann stated that he had met with the City Engineer regarding the 2022 MFT budget. MFT materials such as oil and chip are expected to increase 10-25%.

Jacque Nation inquired as to why the old Treasurer's Reports had been removed from the website and why the current Fiscal Year reports are not publicly posted as she had done.

Motion by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Budd to adjourn. The motion carried (4-0).

Meeting adjourned at 6:39 P.M.



Steve Dorchinecz, Chairman
Finance Committee

1/24/2022