

FINANCE COMMITTEE

June 16, 2022

MEMBERS

Chairman Budd
Alderman Bryant
Alderman Skultety
Alderman Dorchinecz

ALSO PRESENT

Mayor Barry
Alderman Olive
Alderman Driskell
Alderman Wilson
Clerk Lilly

Dan McNeely
Chief Adermann
Chief Wheeler
Superintendent Mann
Treasurer Miles

Jeff Stoner
Cody Rogers
Matt Peters
Rich Holmes

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

General Liability, Automobile & Property Insurance Rates

Mr. Dan McNeely with Dimond Bros., LLC presented the recap of the General Liability/Auto & Property Insurance rates, along with Sales Tax Interruption, Cyber and Pollution coverages. Due to the 3 year average loss ratio, the overall cost will increase this renewal period. There was a significant increase in loss ratio in the 2017-18 and 2018-19 years. The majority of these claims were automobile accidents and tornado damage with subsequent payouts, along with significant claims that have been settled. This has impacted the renewal rate. Mr. McNeely requested quotes from various carriers, with the lowest premium quote from ICRMT. In addition, ICRMT will offer some additional features such as open door legal and a full City appraisal, and coverages to include more indepth loss control and higher limits. The increase will be 1.5% over the current rate paid to Travelers. The rate will be locked in for a 16-month period, including August 1, 2022 – November 2023, with renewal on December 1, 2023.

Motion by Alderman Skultety and seconded by Alderman Bryant to recommend to the City Council to approve the renewal of General Liability/Auto, Property/Equipment, Sales Tax Interruption, Cyber, and Pollution insurance coverage from ICRMT, at a cost of \$373,108.00, plus Worker's Compensation of \$207,763.00, for a total insurance cost of \$549,294.00. The motion carried (4-0).

Police and Fire Administration Salaries

Due to recent resignations of two Assistant Fire Chiefs, the issue of Police and Fire Administration salaries was raised. There is a minimal difference between Assistant/Deputy Chief and the next highest ranking position. The Aldermen determined that there must be a salary range established that is competitive for all positions, in order to keep our current personnel and create a structure for future promotions. It should be done in steps as part of the planned budgeting process. An immediate increase was proposed for the current personnel.

Motion by Alderman Skultety and seconded by Alderman Bryant to recommend to the City Council to raise the Budget and Appropriations amount for FY2022/2023 for Police and Fire Administration salary increases effective July 1, 2022 as follows: Police Chief Wheeler \$10,000.00; Deputy Chief Childers \$8,000.00; Fire Chief Adermann \$11,000.00; and Assistant Fire Chief \$10,000.00. The motion carried (4-0).

Budget Updates

All Department budgets have been completed and will be reviewed with the Superintendents, Treasurer and Finance Chairman, with necessary cuts made. It was noted that the Budget and Appropriations numbers will be finalized and presented at a Finance Committee Meeting to be held prior to the July 5, 2022 City Council Meeting.

Portable Toilets for Special Events on the Square

Chairman Budd has been in attendance at Smalltown Taylorville events and suggested that the City provide portable toilets on the Square for large events such as the monthly car show. Mayor Barry contacted Whitlow and Nolan regarding supplying three regular and one handicapped portable toilets the first Friday of each month for the car show. He will confirm the cost and discuss with Downtown Taylorville to confirm who would be responsible for the payment. There will be a total of four more months to include July, August, September, and October. There may be food trucks present on these evenings as well.

American Tower Proposal

At the June 6, 2022 Meeting, the City Council voted to reject the offer of \$250,000.00 from American Tower for a perpetual lease for the tower at Lake Taylorville. Discussion was held regarding the City proposing a counter-offer, closer to the 3% present value of the extended lease term of \$391,669.00, along with consideration for potential future tenants added to the tower.

Motion by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Dorchinecz to recommend to the City Council to direct the City Attorney to present a counter offer of \$350,000.00 to American Tower for the perpetual lease for the tower at Lake Taylorville. The motion carried (4-0).

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Miles forwarded the Revenue vs. Expenditure report for the month of May to all Aldermen. She presented information on her training and the work being completed by Terri France to rectify errors and balance the general fund in preparation for the Audit.

Any Other Matters

Chairman Budd stated that parade candy should be supplied by the City for the Fourth of July parade; this is built into the Community Relations budget. He also provided an update on the new trucks and loaders. Mayor Barry will be inviting all superintendents and employees to participate in the Parade.

Taylorville Tap is requesting to purchase 25' of the parking lot immediately adjacent to their building. Mayor Barry stated that a survey must be performed to establish boundaries and a fair market value price determined prior to any further discussion.

The home located 508 West Avenue was demolished by the City in 2018. The property/owner has a sewer lien in the amount of \$4,104.31 which includes materials, labor and equipment, plus a mowing lien in the amount of \$530.00, and dumpster fees of \$1,350.00 owed to the City. Mayor Barry stated that the neighbor wishes to purchase the lot from the owner, but approached the Mayor to have the liens and dumpster fees cleared. Alderman Budd suggested that we require that new owner to pay a minimum of \$2,000.00, with the remainder to be released. This will be discussed further.

The Christian County Fair Board has requested that the City purchase a new sign for the fairgrounds welcoming visitors to the Fair. The cost would be approximately \$400.00 – 450.00.

City employee health insurance renews on July 1, 2022 for one month with Health Alliance at a rate increase of 19.5%. Cost for the new self-funded plan, which begins August 1, 2022, has an increase of 7.2%. The previous motion passed through the May Finance Meeting and Jun 6, 2022 Council stated that the employees would see an increase of 7.2%. The City will be responsible for the difference for the premium costs in the month of July.

Mayor Barry inquired of the Ward 4 Aldermen whether they would be interested in paying for the cost of oil and chip for Eastwood Drive this summer. Alderman Dorchinecz stated that they were not expending any Ward Funds until the drainage study, and an estimate for repair, is completed in that area. Alderman Driskell was in agreement.

Police Chief Wheeler provided an update on the Asset Forfeiture Fund account and process for reconciliation. It has been determined that approximately \$5,100.00 may be returned, along with one vehicle, to the owners from whom this was confiscated if those persons are located.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:41 P.M.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Larry Budd", is written over a horizontal line.

Larry Budd, Chairman
Finance Committee