

FINANCE COMMITTEE

June 17, 2021

MEMBERS

Chairman Dorchinecz
Alderman Bryant
Alderman Skultety

ALSO PRESENT

Mayor Barry
Alderman Olive
Alderman Brown
Alderman Wilson
Clerk Lilly
Treasurer Hamell

Dan McNeely
Chief Adermann
HBO Goodall
Superintendent Mann
Nick Hackney

ABSENT

Alderman Budd

Chairman Dorchinecz 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 open claims that have significant reserves. This has impacted the renewal rate. Mr. McNeely requested quotes from a total of six carriers, with the lowest premium quote, along with the best coverage and value, was received from Travelers and Chubb. Dimond Bros. is also offering a reduction in commission to assist with the renewal price.

Motion by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Skultety 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 Chubb and Travelers, at a total cost of \$321,128.00. The motion carried (3-0).

BDD Application Guidelines

Currently BDD Applications allow for exterior improvements only, and do not include interior work. With the increase in applications and funding reimbursement available for the downtown, historic area, concerns have been raised regarding payment for the interior work, such as electrical, plumbing and HVAC. The BDD Committee would like to include these items for the historic buildings only.

Motion by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Skultety to table. The motion carried (3-0).

License Reimbursement Eligibility for Gaming Parlors

The Council has previously passed a motion to direct the City Attorney to prepare an Ordinance to reimburse certain establishments 50% of their 2021 liquor license fee. The Mayor prepared a list of those gaming parlors that he felt qualified for this reimbursement; there were a total of 6. He does not feel the City should reimburse these establishments, and presented the revenues that these parlors had received. Only two owners have reached out regarding this reimbursement. The Mayor stated that he is not in favor of this and suggested the Council vote no on the Ordinance on Monday, June 21, 2021.

Review of Budgets

Treasurer Hamell stated that she has completed the initial budget process for all departments, and presented it to the Mayor for his review. The American Rescue Plan in the amount of \$1,300,000.00 will be coming but Treasurer Hamell is unsure of timeline and restrictions in spending. An available Airport Grant would require a City Share of \$140,000.00 (10%) but this could be paid through the Airport Fuel Fund Account, and utilized for milling of the East/West Runway. A meeting will be held with all Superintendents to discuss cuts prior to finalization of all numbers. The final budget and appropriations amounts must be ratified at a Finance

Committee Meeting to be held on July 6, 2021, prior to the City Council Meeting. The Appropriations Ordinance will then be prepared and posted, a Public Hearing held on July 19, 2021 prior to City Council Meeting, and the Ordinance voted upon at the City Council Meeting that night.

BDD Applications

Several applications were presented to the BDD Committee. Two were forwarded to the Finance Committee for approval. M&B Investments presented an application for the siding and windows for the apartment building located at 106 East Vine Street and the office building located on the same parcel, where the gaming parlor is located. It was determined that only the office building would be eligible. The application was approved for a total amount of \$2,875.00, eligible for 50% reimbursement, for a total of \$1,437.50.

Motion by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Skultety to recommend to the City Council to approve the BDD Application for M&B Investments in the amount of \$1,437.50. The motion carried (3-0).

A second application for DowntownTaylorville.org was approved for 100% reimbursement due to the non-for-profit status and the impact for the City of Taylorville. The application was for banners and brackets on Market Street, the Square, Main Cross Street, and Webster Street, which have been installed, in the amount of \$3,752.00. Steve Kline, Consultant with Jacob and Klein, Ltd. stated that the City could buy the poles and brackets from DowntownTaylorville.org as they are located on City property, rather than completing a BDD Agreement. The original purchase invoices were sent in the name of City of Taylorville, but paid by DowntownTaylorville.org. It was determined that DowntownTaylorville.org should seek a refund from the vendors, and the City will then pay the invoices with the BDD Fund.

Motion by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Chairman Dorchinecz to recommend to the City Council to request DowntownTaylorville.org receive a refund from PS Printing and Northern Lights Display; the City will then pay both vendors directly out of the BDD Tax Fund for poles and banners which will then become property of the City of Taylorville. The motion carried (2-1).

Treasurer's Report


Treasurer Hamell did not have a report. The General Fund bank account is not yet balanced for May, but all others have been completed.

Any Other Matters

None were discussed.

Motion by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Skultety to adjourn. The motion carried (3-0).

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 P.M.

 6/18/21
Steve Dorchinecz, Chairman
Finance Committee