

FINANCE COMMITTEE

August 16, 2018

MEMBERS

Chairman Budd
Alderman Jones
Alderman Lanzotti
Alderman Walters
Mayor Barry

ALSO PRESENT

Treasurer Nation	Owen Lasswell	Mary Lee Lasswell
Alderman Olive	Kellie Hamell	Dustin Clark
Alderman Vota	Steve Kline	Attorney Romano
Alderman Dorchinecz	Ed Downs	Cindy Dey
Alderman Burtle	Steve Craggs	Shane Veal
Clerk Lilly	Bob Steiner	Tammy Taylor

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

Business Development District Tax

Mr. Steve Kline with the Economic Development Group, Ltd. was present to discuss the proposed Business Development District (BDD). The BDD was initially requested by Stuller, Inc. for the Steak 'n Shake building project as an incentive to assist with project expenses. The City Council had approved the creation of this BDD, imposing a 1% tax for this district. The City Council had been approached by both Downtown Taylorville.org, along with several local business owners, to expand the BDD to include a larger area of the City, including Webster and Spesser Streets to the downtown area. Mr. Kline presented a map for the proposed BDD which would include all of these areas, in addition to the original area of the TIF 1 District. This larger area could potentially provide \$1,000,000.00 in additional revenue to the City for infrastructure improvements and reimbursements to those businesses located in the BDD. This tax is paid by the retailers directly to the Illinois Department of Revenue, just as they do with other sales tax, and then these funds are reimbursed to the City monthly by the IDOR. Once established, this is a steady stream of revenue.

Discussion was held, with members from Downtown Taylorville expressing their support of this expanded proposed BDD. They felt many of the historic buildings in the downtown area could benefit from the revenue generated by this tax, and could then be used as a type of matching grant program, similar to the Sam Taylor Fund, to assist business owners with improvements and renovations. Their hope is that the downtown area can be restored.

Motion by Alderman Walters and seconded by Alderman Jones to forward to the City Council the Ordinance to propose the approval of a Business Development District Redevelopment Plan and establish a date for a Public Hearing for the Taylorville Business Development District No. 1. Motion carried 4-0.

Financial Outlook

Treasurer Nation presented several overtime reports as a justification for the decrease in funds available in the Pooled Cash/General Fund Account. Police, Fire and Street Departments continue to see large amounts of overtime. It was also noted that there are many loans for equipment and vehicles that require payments each year. Treasurer Nation will provide a breakdown of those payments and loan balances to the Council for review. Mayor Barry will address the overtime with the individual Superintendents.

Ameren Utility Agreement

City Attorney Romano presented the proposed agreement with Ameren regarding reimbursement to the City. In the proposed agreement, the City would be paid additional funds rather than receiving free therms. Deputy Clerk Dey discussed the discrepancy between the amount being offered to the City and the actual value of the free therms. Ameren may be offering less reimbursement than what we currently receive. There was also discussion regarding the length of the contract. Ameren is requesting a 20 year contract; the consensus was that a 10 year contract is more feasible for the City as the value of therms and money will change. City Attorney Romano stated that he will continue the negotiations with Ameren.

Treasurer's Report

Sales Tax and Non-Home Rule Sales Tax

The May 2018 Sales Tax (received in August 2018) was \$235,966.88 compared to \$211,150.08 in May 2017 and year-to-date is \$14,733.73 more than 2017.

The May 2018 Non-Home Rule Sales Tax (received in August 2018) was \$101,123.83 compared to \$88,550.65 in May 2017 and year-to-date is \$3,816.39 more than 2017.

Christian County Real Estate Tax Distribution

The City received the first distribution of Real Estate Taxes on 7/13/18 of \$1,239,124.83 and of this amount \$223,991.56 was deposited to the Police Pension Fund and \$179,754.81 was deposited to the Fire Pension Fund. The second distribution of Real Estate Taxes was received on 8/10/18 of \$306,133.52 and of this amount \$55,334.78 was deposited to the Police Pension Fund and \$44,406.73 was deposited to the Fire Pension Fund. The total of 2018 Real Estate Taxes received deposited to the General Fund was \$1,041,770.47. The 2017 Real Estate Taxes deposited to the general fund was \$1,037,955.30.

Drug Fund Bank Account

Police Chief Hile and Treasurer Nation discussed the court fees that are collected and deposited to the General Fund. The court fees include the DUI Equipment, FTA Warrant Fees, E-Citation Fees and Police Vehicle Fund. It was suggested that the court fees be deposited to the Drug Fund Bank Account as the monies can be spent on such vehicles and equipment. The Drug Fund Bank Account was only receiving interest and has had no deposits in it and the last time it was used was for the K-9. The bank account will be labeled as Court Fees Account.

Motion by Alderman Jones and seconded by Alderman Walters to recommend to the City Council to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Alderman Jones and seconded by Alderman Walters to adjourn. Motion carried 4-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:02 P.M.

Larry Budd, Chairman
Finance Committee