

FINANCE COMMITTEE

January 16, 2020

MEMBERS

Chairman Budd
Alderman Bryant
Alderman Burtle
Alderman Lanzotti
Mayor Barry

ALSO PRESENT

Alderman Olive
Owen Lasswell
Clerk Lilly
Maggie Tarr
Patty Hornbuckle
Steve Craggs
Treasurer Nation
Superintendent Mann

Chairman Budd called the meeting to order at 7:11 P.M.

Christian County CEO Program Contribution

Mrs. Patty Hornbuckle, representing the CEO Program, was present to provide an overview of the program. The City of Taylorville has contributed \$1,000.00 per year beginning with its inception in 2015. At that time a three-year pledge was made. A contribution was additionally made in 2018.

Motion by Alderman Burtle and seconded by Alderman Bryant to recommend to the City Council to approve the contribution of \$1,000.00 annually for a period of 3 years to the Christian County CEO Program. The motion carried (4-0).

Murals on Downtown Buildings

Ms. Maggie Tarr, who had previously presented a proposal in November 2019, was present to discuss her ideas in greater detail and answer questions. Her artwork would be featured on the side of the Advanced Title building along West Main Cross and would feature a painted mural highlighting the history of Taylorville. The Committee would like to blend the designs presented for a diverse representation of the history of the City. This project would range in price depending on the size of the mural, with the price per square foot to be \$12.00. It would be a Business Development District Tax eligible project. The project is expected to take approximately two months to complete, depending on the weather. The BDD Committee has previously approved spending up to \$20,000.00 on this project. Steve Craggs, representing the Committee, as well as Downtown Taylorville, discussed the possibility of adding a second building. The BLH Computer building and the building owned by Dustin Clark were referenced as possible options. Both would require some preliminary work by the owner. The Finance Committee was not opposed to this, but felt at this time only one project should be completed.

Motion by Alderman Burtle and seconded by Alderman Lanzotti to recommend to the City Council to allow Ms. Maggie Tarr to complete the historic mural on the Advanced Title building located at 101 South Washington, with an approximate size of 18'x80' and a cost not to exceed \$18,000.00 to be paid out of the BDD Fund, with a projected start date of April/May 2020. The motion carried (4-0).

Auditor/Council Informational Sessions

Chairman Budd expressed his interest in hiring the Auditor for the City of Taylorville, Iris Noblet-Crites, to hold informational sessions with the Aldermen regarding the explanation of the City Funds and accounting procedures and statements. She has offered previously to hold two-on-one sessions with the Aldermen to provide insight into the financial operations of the City. There would be a charge for this service, based on an hourly rate of \$150.00, with sessions to be held for one hour. Chairman Budd recommended spending no more than \$1,800.00 on these sessions. The Committee members, as well as Mayor Barry, were not in favor of this expense. Questions should be directed to the City Treasurer in regards to revenues, expenditures, and financial statements.

iPads for Elected Officials

Information regarding iPads, purchased by the City, to be used for City business including emails, agendas, minutes, Council and Committee meeting packets, ordinances, etc. Paper copies will be produced upon request only. Alderman Bryant presented a cost estimate for both the Pro model and the basic model, along with additional optional equipment. These will be ordered through Apple, as they provide a government discount. No other retailers offered this option.

Motion by Alderman Burtle and seconded by Alderman Lanzotti to recommend to the City Council to purchase a total of (10) new 11" 64 gb iPad Pro, with pen and insurance, for the Aldermen, Mayor, City Clerk, and City Treasurer at a cost not to exceed \$12,000.00. The motion carried (4-0).

Dumpster Attendant Agreement

Discussion was held regarding the agreement between the City of Taylorville and the current Dumpster Attendant. This agreement is outdated and must be revised to address the current time frame as well as the rate of pay. Currently, Mr. Ream is being paid at a rate of \$8.50 per hour and is paid as an independent contractor. Mayor Barry, along with the entire Committee, felt that he was deserving of an increase for his hard work and dedication. Superintendent Mann would like to see a multi-year contract with Mr. Ream, for a period of 3 years.

Motion by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Lanzotti to recommend to the City Council to approve the renewal of the Dumpster Attendant Agreement between the City of Taylorville and Daniel Ream for a period of 3 years, with rate of pay of \$10.00 for year one, \$11.00 for year two, and \$12.00 for year three with an effective date of January 27, 2020 and to direct the City Attorney to prepare a resolution and agreement. The motion carried (4-0).

Treasurer's Report

The September 2019 Sales Tax (received in December) was \$217,902.71 compared to \$200,421.99 in September 2018 and year-to-date is \$70,503.03 more than 2018.

The October 2019 Sales Tax (received in January 2020) was \$237,206.26 compared to \$204,575.72 in October 2018. Year to date is \$103,133.57 more than 2018.

The September 2019 Non-Home Rule Sales Tax (received in December) was \$85,876.48 compared to \$84,159.43 in September 2018 and year-to-date is \$23,641.76 more than 2018.

The October 2019 Non-Home Rule Sales tax (received in January 2020) was \$93,068.00 compared to \$88,088.73 in October 2018. Year to date is \$28,621.03 more than 2018.

The September 2019 BDD Tax was \$95,538.33; October 2019 BDD Tax was \$95,802.70. The total received for the year is \$954,875.55.

Motion by Alderman Burtle and seconded by Alderman Bryant to recommend to the City Council to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. The motion carried (4-0).

Any Other Matters

Alderman Bryant stated that there will be an additional access point for internet activated in the basement. The entire building will now have wifi access. Chairman Budd noted that the bid notice was sent out regarding the Franklin Street Storm Sewer project; he expressed concern regarding funding. This is a Ward 3 project only and was not included in the Morton/England Street Project for which funds were previously pledged.

Motion by Alderman Burtle and seconded by Alderman Lanzotti to adjourn. The motion carried (4-0). Meeting adjourned at 9:46 P.M.

