## FINANCE COMMITTEE

October 15, 2020

**MEMBERS** 

Chairman Budd(facetime)

Alderman Lanzotti Alderman Bryant

ABSENT

Alderman Burtle

ALSO PRESENT

Mayor Barry

Alderman Olive Treasurer Nation

Clerk Lilly

City Attorney Romano

Chief Adermann

Superintendent Mann

HBO Goodall

Owen Lasswell

Dave Oldham

Doug Brown

Derek Flemming

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

Enterprise Fleet Leasing of Vehicles

Chairman Budd and Treasurer Nation have investigated the value and savings of moving to Enterprise Fleet Leasing for City vehicles. The company is in the process of evaluating our vehicles. Discussion will be held in November.

Fire Protection District Agreement

A new agreement between the City of Taylorville and the Fire Protection District has been drafted by City Attorney Romano, who is the attorney for both entities. The agreement modifies the language regarding the \$30,000.00 yearly contribution to equipment purchases by the City. Initially this amount was to be given to the City, and placed in a separate account for the purchase of items. It was not paid in FY 2020, but the district did pay for \$44,000.00 worth of items. In the new agreement, the District will work directly with Fire Chief Adermann and will continue to purchase items as necessary. If items are purchased under the allotted amount, the remainder of the money will be put towards interest payments for the new fire vehicles purchased for the City by the District. There have been two vehicles purchased to date: a new rescue vehicle valued at \$246,000.00 and the fire truck valued at \$636,000.00. There are also plans to purchase a new tanker in the future, valued at \$450,000.00. This agreement will be reviewed by the Taylorville Fire Protection District on October 21, 2020. If approved, it will go before the City Council for approval on November 2, 2020.

LED Lights for City Buildings

Mr. Don Dillenberger with Jarvis Electric discussed the potential cost savings to switch from fluorescent to LED lighting for all City buildings. This company is a program ally for Ameren clients. The purpose of the audit and subsequent changes is to find the best equipment to reduce energy cost and maximize incentive. Ameren will provide rebates for the new lighting. He has begun the initial review of our Ameren statements for all City buildings with Ameren electric service. The second stage of the process is a Lighting Audit to review the scope, cost, incentive and out of pocket cost to the City. The final stage is the installation stage of new lighting. Jarvis Electric is a Union shop and will pay prevailing wage. This is a 1 for 1 replacement of current lights and does not include street lights. The bulbs have a 5 year warranty. Lights will be change from 32 watts to 11.5 watts and will save kilowatt hours, causing a reduction in cost for electricity. There is no cost for the audit, and an estimated project cost is under \$10,000.00.

Motion by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Lanzotti to recommend to the City Council to approve the Lighting Audit with Jarvis Electric. The motion carried (3-0).

Reimburse Maggie Tarr - Preliminary Mural Design

Discussion was held regarding reimbursement to Maggie Tarr for her preliminary design work for the mural to be painted on the side of the Advanced Title building at the corner of Washington and West Main in the amount

of \$2,500.00. The BDD Committee has recommended this reimbursement due to the amount of time spent on the design. Chairman Budd requested that this amount be removed from the projected total should the project continue.

Motion by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Lanzotti to recommend to the City Council to reimburse Maggie Tarr in the amount of \$2,500.00 to be paid from the BDD Fund, with the stipulation that the designs become property of the City of Taylorville. The motion carried (3-0).

## Donation of Real Estate Property near the Airport

No additional information is available.

## Contribution for Veterans Memorial at the Lake

Finance Chairman Budd noted that the City had previously approved the allocation of funds to contribute to the Veteran's Memorial being constructed at Lake Taylorville in the amount of \$10,000.00. This pledge is from the Hotel/Motel Tax line item for Agency Contributions. Per Committee member Dr. Mizer, this project is moving forward and the Committee is seeking the City's contribution to proceed. Kevin Hamell will pour the concrete.

Motion by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Lanzotti to recommend to the City Council to approve the contribution of \$10,000.00 to the Veteran's Memorial, payable from the Hotel Motel Tax, Agency Contributions line item. The motion carried (3-0).

# Audit Report

Motion by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Lanzotti to recommend to the City Council to accept the Audit Report as presented at the Finance Committee Meeting held on October 5, 2020. The motion carried (3-0).

## Repairs of Street Department Vehicles

Superintendent Mann was present to update the Committee on repairs needed for various Street Department vehicles. 2 of the 6 tandem trucks are in need of repair, as well as one pickup, at this time. There are many other vehicles that are nearing the end of their useful life. The department has been working with Blueville Garage to perform regular routine maintenance. Alderman Olive noted that the City is looking at Enterprise Fleet Leasing to determine if this would be an alternative to purchasing smaller vehicles. HBO Goodall stated that there may be a program available for the airport to purchase a tandem truck with a 90/5/5 Grant opportunity; the Street and Sewer Department would have access to the vehicle. All present agreed that a plan must be developed for replacement of vehicles.

Motion by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Lanzotti to recommend to the City Council to authorize up to \$20,000.00 from the Street Maintenance Line Item to repair vehicles as necessary and prepare specifications to bid and purchase heavy duty tandem vehicles. The motion carried (3-0).

## Date Change – November Finance/Ordinance Committee Meetings

Motion by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Lanzotti to recommend to the City council to change the date of the November Finance/Ordinance Committee meetings to Wednesday, November 18, 2020. The motion carried (3-0).

#### Treasurer's Report

The July 2020 Sales Tax (received in October) was \$225,674.94 compared to \$232,595.71 in July 2019 and year-to-date is \$65,661.03 less than 2019.

The July 2020 Non-Home Rule Sales Tax (received in October) was \$92,411.57 compared to \$92,828.63 in July 2019 and year-to-date is \$14,385.65 less than 2019.

July 2020 BDD tax (October) was \$115,254.19. Total received since January 2019 is \$1,910,145.43. Expenditures to date total \$406,074.21.

Motion by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Lanzotti to recommend to the City Council to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. The motion carried (3-0).

Any Other Matters

Mayor Barry mentioned the building located at 203 West Main Cross that has been in danger of collapsing for quite some time. The garage area collapsed along the west wall on Wednesday, October 14, 2020 and has been deemed a hazardous building by the Fire Chief. Mayor Barry has reached out to the owner, Aaron Camatti, but has not been successful in connecting with him at this time. He will discuss the potential procedures with the City Attorney to determine an appropriate course of action for maintaining safety.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:08 P.M.

Larry Budd, Chairman

Finance Committee