

FINANCE COMMITTEE

October 4, 2021

MEMBERS

Chairman Dorchinecz
Alderman Budd
Alderman Bryant
Alderman Skultety

ALSO PRESENT

Treasurer Hamell
Alderman Driskell
Alderman Wilson
Superintendent
Superintendent Speagle
Superintendent Mann
Clerk Lilly
Alderman Olive
Alderman Brown
Iris Noblet-Crites

Chairman Dorchinecz called the meeting to order at 5:45 P.M.

Chairman Dorchinecz thanked Iris Noblet-Crites and her team for their work on our Audit, as well as Clerk Lilly and team, and Treasurer Hamell and team for their assistance in providing information and documentation.

Review of Audit Report

Mrs. Iris Noblet-Crites with Lively, Mathias, Hooper, & Noblet (LMHN) was present to discuss the results of the Audit of the City of Taylorville for the Fiscal Year ending April 30, 2021.

Overall outcome for the City of Taylorville was an increase total revenue of \$1.4 million, with a decrease in expenses, resulting in a total net increase in the General Fund of \$1.9 million over last year. It was determined that the majority of the increase was in the form of the grant dollars of \$962,000.00, in addition to decreased spending for Public Works, disaster recovery and employee wages and benefits.

Proprietary Funds were reviewed. The Lake Fund was \$65,000.00 net positive. The positive change can be attributed to timing of payment for lake lots, campgrounds, and boat docks, as well as increase in sales of boat licenses, concessions, etc. Contract services and employee insurance were also lower. Water Fund showed a net loss due in part to fewer large projects that created revenue as well as the non-collection of fees during COVID. Cemetery showed an increase in revenues, but also an increase in salaries, in part due to the salary of the Cemetery Superintendent no longer being split with Airport. Airport showed a reduction in expenses with no salary paid for the temporary assignment of Airport Manager, and also presented \$500,000.00 increase in revenue. The Sewer Fund had more collections in this Fiscal Year, resulting in an increase of \$85,000.00 in revenues.

It was noted that the Pension Funds for both Fire and Police Pensions must be 90% funded by 2040. There was a \$164,000.00 reduction made by the City in this Fiscal Year. Both Fire and Police Pension Funds reflect this reduction.

Mrs. Noblet-Crites recommended two repeat findings:

- Policies must be updated to include Whistleblower, Ethics, and Fixed Asset *Repeat Comment*
- Adequate reconciliation of the water as related to other entities/funds *Repeat Comment*

Other recommendations for strengthening the internal controls of the City include:

- All EFT transactions must be posted in the same month as payment as made
- Lease payable was not listed on financial statements ie. \$750,000.00 lease for purchase of trucks was not recorded in statements yet funds are in escrow at US Bank
- TIF Fund should reimburse General Fund for 2020 Appropriations to settle balance due
- Total Compensation must be reported each year
- Voluntary Insurances must be adequately balanced to reflect current employees in current month

Motion by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Skultety to adjourn. Motion carried (4-0).
Meeting adjourned at 6:45 P.M.



Steve Dorchinecz, Chairman
Finance Committee