

FINANCE COMMITTEE

November 17, 2021

MEMBERS

Chairman Dorchinecz
Alderman Bryant
Alderman Budd
Mayor Barry

ALSO PRESENT

Alderman Brown	Treasurer Hamell	Superintendent Mann
Alderman Driskell	Chief Wheeler	Assistant Chief Childers
Alderman Wilson	Chief Adermann	Lieutenant Toberman
Mayor Barry	Superintendent Ortman	HR Conrath
Clerk Lilly	Superintendent Tennant	HBO Goodall
Dan McNeely		

ABSENT

Alderman Skultety

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

Workers Compensation Renewal

Mr. Dan McNeely with Dimond Brothers Insurance Agency presented the Workers Compensation annual premium for January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022. The renewal premium is \$207,763.00. The experience modification used for the 2022 premium calculation uses the policy years of 2018 through 2020. The loss ratio is now at 18%, based on the years of 2018-2020. Loss ratios for those years were 14%, 2%, and 40%. Illinois Public Risk Fund (IPRF) continues to make sound risk selection and underwriting decisions. They again have retained their AAA Demotech financial rating. The City of Taylorville will receive a Grant Award for 2021 of \$34,462.00 from Illinois Public Risk Fund, redeemable in 2022. The total net positive difference to the City is \$26,539.00, including \$23,514.00 in premium savings and \$3,025.00 in safety grant increase.

Motion by Alderman Budd and seconded by Alderman Bryant to recommend to the City Council to approve the January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022 Workers Compensation Policy Renewal Premium of \$207,763.00 from Illinois Public Risk Fund. The motion carried (3-0).

\$5,000.00 Contribution to Christian County Economic Development Corporation

Mayor Barry provided the history between the City and the Christian County Economic Development Corporation, beginning with contributions of \$20,000.00 dating back to 2001. Currently the CCEDC has requested a contribution of \$5,000.00, which will match the County's contribution. Several other communities in the County, as well as larger local companies, contribute. The contributions assist in paying the salary of the director. Alderman Budd noted that this is not in the current budget; Mayor Barry stated it could be paid from the Contingency Fund. Several Aldermen requested that the director speak to the Committee to discuss progress made for future contributions.

Motion by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Budd to recommend to the City Council to contribute \$5,000.00 to the Christian County Economic Development Corporation, utilizing the Contingency Fund, and to re-evaluate the performance and results in 2022. The motion carried (3-0).

Reimburse Real Estate Taxes – 207 West Main Cross Street

Mayor Barry stated that he had been contacted by Steve Craggs regarding unpaid taxes on the building located at 207 West Main Cross. If taxes were not paid, the property would have been sold at a Tax Sale. He further stated that he had personally paid the real estate taxes due for the building located at 207 West Main Cross Street. He requested that the BDD Committee approve reimbursement to him for these taxes. The BDD Committee approved such payment. The Committee agreed that the City should have no responsibility for this building, as the current or former owner should have paid the taxes, and the Mayor should seek reimbursement from either of those owners. Chairman Dorchinecz reiterated taxes should not be paid by the City for a privately owned building and would potentially not be considered a BDD eligible expense. No action was taken.

FY 2021/2022 Truth-In Taxation & Tax Levy

Treasurer Hamell presented the financial information for the 2021/2022 Annual Tax Levy. The amount of the levy is calculated at 104.99% of the prior year extension from the County Clerk plus the exclusion from PTELL. The tax levy for the library is added to this total to determine the total levy amount.

Motion by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Budd to recommend to the City Council to direct the City Clerk's Office to prepare an Ordinance that, pursuant to the Truth-in-Taxation Act, the sum of \$3,281,271.23 for the City's current Fiscal Year 5/1/21 to 4/30/22 upon the taxable property in the City, which amount is less than 105% of the amount extended, or estimated to be extended upon the final aggregate levy of the preceding fiscal year; and a Truth-in-Taxation Public Hearing is not required. This includes a total maximum levy of \$298,261.23 for the Taylorville Public Library. The motion carried (3-0).

Evaluations for Non-Bargaining Personnel

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

BDD Application – Matthew H. Rogers and Cozy Grind, LLC

An application was presented for Matthew H. Rogers and Cozy Grind, LLC; the BDD Committee has approved this application. The total amount of eligible project costs is \$24,860.76.00, with a reimbursement rate of 35%, equaling \$8,701.27 in requested BDD funds.

Motion by Alderman Dorchinecz and seconded by Alderman Budd to recommend to the City Council to approve the agreement between the City of Taylorville and Matthew H. Rogers and Cozy Grind, LLC. The motion carried (3-0).

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Hamell presented the Revenue vs. Expenditure reports for the month ending October 31, 2021, and also stated that accounts have been balanced through the end of October as well.

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

Any Other Matters

HR Manager Conrath stated that an email had been received from City Attorney Romano with a copy of the Ordinance stating the Evaluations should be reviewed by the Personnel Committee with a recommendation made to Council. Treasurer Hamell is looking over the budgets and appropriations regarding implications of salary increases in this current fiscal year.

Chief Wheeler discussed salary discrepancies in his department and the narrow gap between management levels. He noted that the Police Department was \$211,000.00 in the black last fiscal year and would like to see some of that put back into salaries for the department. Salaries must be competitive to keep officers and management on board.

Chief Adermann also spoke of discrepancies in his department, stating that neither he nor Assistant Chief Hackney are currently at the appropriate level. He expressed concern for the future as very few firemen would consider the leadership roles due to salary.

Mayor Barry would like to remove the entire percentage of base system that is in place for superintendents.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 P.M.

Steve Dorchinecz, Chairman
Finance Committee