

BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

February 7, 2017

Chairman Peterson called the regular meeting of the Budget & Finance Committee to order at 6:30 pm.
Members present: Mayor Adams, Scott Fridly, Corine Hughes, John Peterson and Dave Winters
Staff present: Chief Dickson
Absent: Jaye Quimby

Motion by Mr. Winters, second by Mr. Fridly, to waive the reading of and approve the minutes of January 17, 2017. All ayes. Motion approved 3-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

SPECIAL WARRANT CONSIDERATIONS

None.

RECOMMENDATION OF PAYMENT

Bills were reviewed and recommended for approval in the amount of \$163,392.84

MAYOR ADAMS

Mayor Adams stated that he spoke with Karen Lemmons, former Director of Economic Development in Machesney Park, in reference to the business district and she advised that the Village should have a hotel feasibility study done. Mayor Adams spoke with Ms. Diduch about this and they thought that this was something that could be tied in with the streetscape plan. Mr. Winters inquired about the cost of the hotel feasibility study and Mayor Adams said that Ms. Lemmons estimated it would cost approximately \$15,000 - \$20,000. Mayor Adams stated that Ms. Lemmons was going to forward him information regarding some firms that she has used. Mr. Winters stated that this needs to be done because every hotel that they have spoken to has been asking if a hotel feasibility study has been completed. Mr. Winters also inquired when the Sonoco property is going to be free and clear. Mayor Adams stated that he has called the EPA, but they haven't returned his phone call. Mayor Adams said that he will try calling them again.

Mayor Adams said that he spoke with Frank Haney, Winnebago County Chairman, and asked if the county could help with the streetscape plan. Mayor Adams stated that Ms. Diduch was going to draft a letter to Winnebago County and that they are going to meet with Mr. Haney the first week of March. Ms. Lemmons advised Mayor Adams that the Village should have some sort of request for proposal (RFP) out so that they can have an idea of cost for both the hotel feasibility study and the streetscape plan. Mr. Haney told Mayor Adams that he would like to have this information for the Winnebago County Board members in the spring if they are going to help with funding it. Mr. Winters suggested calling a few companies and explaining to them that the Village may have another funding source so that the Village can have a ballpark idea of what it would cost.

Mayor Adams stated that there was an offer to purchase one of the quonset hut buildings and that he would like to use some of the TIF revenue to pay to run water and sewer to the buildings. Mayor Adams added that Brian Hansmeier may also be interested in another quonset hut for his lawn care business because he is moving out of the area in the 500 block of E. Main Street. Mr. Fridly stated that Mr. Barber is going to get information regarding what the cost would be.

JAYE QUIMBY, TREASURER

Ms. Quimby was absent, but provided the Committee with an email and advised that there was sufficient cash to cover the bills.

JOHN PETERSON, CHAIRMAN

None.

DAVE WINTERS, TRUSTEE

None.

SCOTT FRIDLIDY, TRUSTEE

None.

VILLAGE COLLECTOR, CORINE HUGHES

Ms. Hughes stated that its time for the insurance renewal for health, dental and vision insurance. Ms. Hughes advised that the policies didn't change from last year as far as copays, max out of pocket and deductibles go, but there was an increase in rates by 13%. Ms. Hughes said that they shopped three other companies, but they were more expensive and had a more restricted network. Ms. Hughes advised that renewing the Village's current plan is the best option.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS ALLOWED BY LAW

Mayor Adams inquired when the Village started receiving business district payments because he only sees nine payments thus far. Mr. Winters stated that the payments are delayed just like the sales tax payments.

ADJOURN

Motion by Mr. Winters, second by Mr. Fridly, to adjourn at 6:43 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Christina Stewart
Village Clerk