



Creating Our Past by Investing in Our Future

MINUTES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE HELD AUGUST 17, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM via remote session by Chairman Dawn Hanafin with Committee Meeting Members Brad Poindexter, Rick Kline and Ron Legner present.

Staff members present were Chief Williamson, Sergeant Wilkins, Dan Lush and Perry Mayer.

Tony Moore from Republic was also present.

Samantha filled the Council in on the fact that contract service expenses in the various departments looked to be over budget due to the payment to Moran Economic Development for costs related to the Business District implementation. Those expenses will be reduced when the Business District sales tax revenues begin to come in.

Greg and Kelly joined at 6:03 PM.

Street Superintendent Dan Lush stated that he was depleting certain line items due to unforeseen expenses. He asked for the opinion of the Committee regarding whether money should be transferred to cover the expenses or just go over the budget in certain line items with an explanation as to the reason.

The Committee stated that it was their recommendation that the line items would just be over as long as the overall budget of each department stayed within their total allotment.

Kyle joined at 6:09 PM.

Water Superintendant Perry Mayer stated that the filters at the water plant were allowing iron through causing issues with the softeners resulting in hard water as well as iron in the water. Perry has been looking into bypassing the existing filters and treating the water through temporary filtration until the existing filters are replaced. The filter upgrade project is almost ready for the application process for permits through the IEPA and the anticipated filter switch over is scheduled for sometime this winter.

Chief Williamson stated that his full-time wage line item was down due to the loss of one officer and another moving to part-time. He stated that he was hoping to be reimbursed for some of the operating supplies expenses through the Covid 19 reimbursement program. Chief stated that his contract services line item expense was high due to the taser contract payment. He also stated that he was unaware of the \$900 charge to the line item for Tyler Technologies Software contract. The yearly charge is currently split through all departments. He also disagreed with the charges for mowing the small property at the current police department. Several Council members stated that they would like to see the contract services charges evaluated for an accurate allocation for the next budget year.

The Council discussed the projected 15 % decrease in revenues this year and Samantha stated that no one knows what the next year forecast will be.

Dawn asked when revenue from the Business District could be anticipated. The City should see the first revenues sometime this fall.

At 6:41 PM motion was made by Dawn and seconded by Brad to adjourn the Finance Committee Meeting.

Vicki Moreland
City of Le Roy