

Finance Committee
Monday, July 8th, 2019
5:30 p.m., Multi-Purpose Room

In attendance: John Coyne-Chairman, Jim Shields, Paul Rose, Bill Lamb, Dennie Simpson, Eric Heffinger, and Bob Starcher

Also present: Mayor Hanwell, Greg Huber, Keith Dirham, Patrick Patton, Nino Piccoli, Jonathan Mendel(6:21), Jansen Wehrley, Mike Wright, Chief Kinney, Chief Painter, Kimberly Marshall, Dan Gladish, Kathy Patton, Brian Hilberg, Skip Baran, Kirby, Stan Sheetz, Suzanne Sharpe(6:10), Allison Wood, and Bob Finnan.

1. Assignment of Requests for Council Action

2. 19-121-7/8 – Renew Intensive Supervision Probation Grant – Municipal Court

John Coyne stated they do this every other year and this is a state grant that they receive to help pay for some of the probation department fees. Emergency is requested due to pay changes and they already do a retro pay. Mr. Shields moved to approve with the emergency, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Motion Passed 7-0.

3. 19-122-7/8 – Expenditure Over \$25,000 – Chippewa Roofing, LLC - Service

Nino Piccoli stated this is for the city garage at 71 West Smith, the front building not the new building. Over the years minor repairs have been performed on it but at this point they have some emergency repairs. The gutter system is also smaller than what should be for that flat roof and they need to take action. Split between the Street Dept. #105 and The Sanitation Dept. Mr. Shields moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Motion Passed 7-0.

4. 19-123-7/8 – Expenditure Over \$25,000 – Main Street Lighting - Service

Nino stated they have 9 historic street luminaires' that have been identified, some have been removed for a while and need replaced. They are working with Main Street Lighting and secured a really good price of \$2,532.00 and that is \$43 cheaper than a 2011 price. 14ft. high post on these. For the lights that are replaced in the Historic District, we will be reimbursed with the capital improvement grant that has been secured. So at least 8 or 9 out of the 10 lights will be reimbursed. Mr. Lamb asked about the new globes that were put up if you look at the original globes they are bigger and the new globes are the wrong size. Mr. Piccoli stated they couldn't make that same glass design to make them fit. Bill questioned having them custom made. Mayor Hanwell stated just so the council knows, they intentionally changed the corners to the LED's because the safety at the crosswalks and now somebody going to the band concert doesn't like it because the lights are too bright but in the Mayor's opinion, the safety of crossing is more important than when they are watching the band and the lights come on and are too bright. Mr. Shields moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Motion Passed 7-0.

5. 19-124-7/8 – Purchase 2020 Freightliner Refuse Truck – Sanitation

Mr. Piccoli stated this purchase request is through the Cooperative Purchasing Program known as Sourcwell. Bid contract number has been submitted. This will replace truck #43 which is a 2004 Sterling which is the last of the Sterling's and has 144,000 miles and 17,000 engine hours and it has seen better days. Eric questioned if the day ever comes where we do curbside recycling here will this truck be able to be retro fitted to have the side arms to pick up bins? Nino

stated no but it can have the rear load tip can unit. . Mr. Shields moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Motion Passed 7-0.

6. 19-125-7/8 – Assistance to Firefighter Grant application – Fire Dept.

Chief Painter stated this is an AFG Grant, historically they have never qualified due to equipment being too new or because they typically have too much money to never quite fit in, but our current SCBA's are 15 years old and they fell in the perimeters of being replaced. Emergency is needed due to just finding out about this grant and it closes at the end of this month and then working with Council's scheduling as well as getting quotes from vendors. If they don't get it this year they will apply again next year and there is a one-time grant fee of \$3,000 that goes towards Mrs. Gatchel, she used to work for FEMA and she has the inside track on it and most departments use her for this and so no matter how many times they apply. There is a 10% match and that is why it comes to \$49,000 estimated cost to the city to receive the \$464,000 worth of equipment. Chief stated he has money in the Carryforward and can put it in the equipment line for this. Mr. Shields moved to approve with the emergency, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Motion Passed 7-0.

7. 19-126-7/8 – 2020 Tax Budget

Mr. Dirham stated this doesn't actually control their expenditures it is just a part of the State's budgetary process and they have to turn this in. The numbers in it come from the five year plan. The EMS fund can continue to deplete that balance and that is why there is a levy on for this fall. Mr. Shields moved to approve the 2020 tax budget, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Motion Passed 7-0.

8. 19-127-7/8 – Easements for West Smith Rd. Reconstruction, Phase 3

Mr. Patton stated they had to acquire three easements and got all property owners to sign and submit them. Total cost for the easements is \$712.70. Mr. Shields moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Motion Passed 7-0.

9. 19-128-7/8 – Engine House Community Room Permit Approval

Mayor Hanwell put together this permit and had the Law Director take a look at it as well as the Archive Commission, Community Design Committee and it doesn't require legislation but they just want Council to take a look at it and make sure they are satisfied with it or if there are any suggestions they haven't heard yet. Mayor Hanwell requests they ask that they apply number two on the rules and regulations and that's that they apply with 30 days in advance and they are already getting requests for it so if you can give them the authority at least for the first 30 days to waive that small rule in case someone doesn't get in between now and the 30 days. Mr. Coyne questioned if there is a trash deposit. Mayor Hanwell stated they requested that they take it out and if they don't then they can waive the deposit that they filed. Nino stated they are working through a key-control process and will be able to work it out sooner than later. Jim Shields asked about the elevator being handicapped usage only and if they were able to get it working. Nino stated they ordered \$1,400 rollers by way of a grant and it has to go to the BOC. Mr. Shields moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Motion Passed 7-0.

10. 19-130-7/8 – Bids, Sale/Removal of Home 347 N. Huntington St.

Mayor Hanwell sent copies to council on his recommendations and stated it is up to them if they agree with these or like to do something different. He established some time limits or date limits just so that everyone is on the same page of when things are going to happen. Skip and Suzanne are both here today and his question was if they don't have a need for the foundation

and the brick under the ground, could they simply push it at the bottom and cover it with dirt. Mayor Hanwell stated he was not sure what the normal course is for demolitions in the city but should follow the same thing. Mayor Hanwell said he tracked down Dan and inquired about the process and what they generally require with a demolition is that all of it is removed and then it is backfilled with dirt and then compacted.

Mr. Heffinger feels as long as the house is safe and they get the lot, it's a win-win and his question is about the restoring of the lot and he thought the schools were taking care of that and not the person buying responsibility.

Mayor Hanwell stated it doesn't have to be and that is the question for the council. He said the schools have agreed to demo the lot and the house, but those are still our tax dollars being paid through the schools verses us so if the council wants the school to restore the lot then they can make that decision or if the Schools want the person who is being given the house for a nominal fee to do it. John asked if anyone has spoken with the schools and the Mayor stated that if we are saving them money he doesn't think they will object to it. Mr. Lamb asked wanted to be clear that this is a bid if someone wants to get this house and it will be to the highest bidder? Mr. Coyne reiterated that there are seven items that are required that everyone that is bidding on the house would have to follow. They need to do the bid system because they've never given anything away unless it was to the schools, another public entity.

Suzanne Sharpe requested if it does go up for bid to put parameters on the bid and make it very specific like the conditions upon the sale and removal within the City of Medina. Make it rehabilitation of the house – no demolition. No rental property. The whole point of this was to build the house back to its original condition and have someone invest in and live in the City of Medina. Suzanne encouraged not to include the language about restoring the lot because they were just told that the walls do have to come down from the foundation and that is expensive. It is within the Bowman land swap with the schools. They are already saving the money from the demolition, really they are taking this house or whoever it is will be buying this house and taking it off the property and saving that demolition cost. This is going to be quite a financial investment. Suzanne questioned why take walls down and fill it back up then plant grass seed when it's going to be a parking lot. Mayor Hanwell stated it is an EPA requirement. Suzanne stated she did not get a quote for filling in the basement stating she won't bid on it if that is a condition. She said she will be out of the bidding because the money that she will be investing in moving the house to the lots they are looking at buying the lot, moving the house, moving the powerlines. There are trees that have to be cut down behind the house, and there is insurance costs. Suzanne stated the schools can use the landfill coming from the lot where the house will be going and that would help the purchaser on the house from having to pay someone to remove that dirt out of there.

Eric feels Suzanne has good points especially using the dirt. Dan Gladish stated to fill that hole would be maybe \$3,000.00. Dan stated they just had the house on West Smith Rd. demolished including filling in the basement and the total cost was \$8,800.00. Jim Shields stated he will be abstaining due to his employment with the schools. Mr. Simpson stated he would hate to see Suzanne and the organization back out but he would suggest to see how the school feels about the cost of filling in the whole and if not then he would lean toward leaving it as is. Mr. Heffinger feels they can do both, have the lot and move the house and save it at the same time and is in favor of the school having to fill the hole since they already had the school say so that they would cover that part. Mr. Coyne stated then what he is hearing is ask the schools about it because

they were going to demolish and see if they are willing to participate and go from there and approve this with the requirement of asking the schools subject to the law director's approval.

Mayor Hanwell stated if the schools agree, the council's preference is if the schools agree to restore the lot once the house is moved which would be removing the basement and the concrete block and refilling it that is the preference of the council, if the school is not interested in that then they are back to where they are. Mr. Shields stated the School Board does meet tomorrow night and there can be some conversation then. Mayor Hanwell said he and John have talked about this a little bit and his hope is to get this process going to meet these time lines while all is on break they don't want to wait for all to come back. Mr. Simpson moved forward with the proposal with the law director's approval, checking with the schools and with the emergency clause, seconded by Mr. Rose. Motion Passes 6-1abst/JS

There being no further business, Finance Committee adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

John M. Coyne, Chairman