Finance Committee Meeting Minutes March 2, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 6:09 p.m. by Committee Chair Alderman Vrabec. Committee members Alderman Grzywacz and Alderperson Armour were also in attendance. It was also noted by Alderman Vrabec that City Clerk Cass was taking minutes.

It was moved by Alderman Vrabec, seconded by Alderperson Armour, to turn the meeting over to Mayor Hamm.

Mayor Hamm asked the Committee to consider three items during the meeting. The first being that the Aldermen would consider forfeiting one of their three checks for the month of March. He stated that most months have two meetings and all would get paid for two in March, but to give up the third meeting payment. Alderman Grzywacz commented that he was in agreement as long as everyone would have to give up some sort of pay. All of the Alderman were in agreement to give up their third payment for the month of March.

Another area Mayor Hamm discussed was the purchase of property on 203 at 4th Street. He stated that Mrs. Wells was willing to sell the property for \$23,000. It was in agreement that Mayor Hamm should pursue the purchase.

Mayor Hamm told the Committee that he is still hearing rumors that the City is going to bring back Scott Reynolds. The Mayor and Chief Shelby are in disagreement with this issue. Chief Shelby stated that if Mize leaves then Werner would have to be pulled in, and the department would still need someone to fill in for vacations, etc. He also stated that bringing Scott back is a lower hourly rate than paying the officers overtime. Also, according to Robbie, the department sheet required four sergeants.

Mayor Hamm also mentioned several areas of concern regarding the budget that will need to be addressed at later meetings.

He also reiterated that if the money isn't there, we cannot do anything. He said we needed to look at the City's needs as a whole and not just individual departments.

He said he was going to ask the race track to pay the City up front in order to send employees to work the track. If they won't consider this, security may not be able to be provided by the City.

Attorney Papa arrived at 6:28 p.m.

Mayor Hamm also mentioned that there are still some personnel areas that can be considered. He also asked Robbie to provide a figure that would be required to provide workers for the race track.

There being no further business, it was moved by Alderman Vrabec, seconded by Alderman Grzywacz, to adjourn.

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