

Finance Committee Meeting
Minutes
March 30, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Committee Chair Alderman Vrabec. Committee member Alderman Grzywacz was also in attendance. Other Council members attending were Bridick, Roskovsky, Hampsey and Gardner. 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 Robbie Robbins to highlight the February report. Robbie stated that revenues were at \$55,000 over expenditures; \$675,000 was taken in this year, but only \$55,000 over now, and need to look at cutting back expenses even more. He also stated that the City finally received November's check from the State and has no idea when they will catch up. He suggested that when the Council looks at the Appropriation Ordinance in May to look at other areas including wages to make cuts. Alderman Vrabec asked that depending on the outcome of the Reynolds case, where else can cuts be made regarding labor. Mayor Hamm stated one area that can be cut is mowing, but we will still need to maintain the properties. He also commented that staff needs to be kept because taxpayers paid for this type of service.

Alderperson Armour arrived at 6:12 p.m.

Mayor Hamm reminded the Council that the State still owes the City a lot of money and we can borrow from the TIF, but to remember that it has to be paid back. Alderman Grzywacz commented that cuts have been made in all departments except the Police department. He said they need to do their fair share in concessions, but there are several who don't care what happens to the City finances. Mayor Hamm suggested to Chief Shelby to look at scheduling to try to get rid of the overtime. Shelby said the \$6,000 in overtime costs in the last payroll was due to the two recent shootings. Alderman Vrabec said that department head salaries also need to be looked at.

Mayor Hamm asked each Alderperson to write down all of their suggestions and bring to the next committee meeting. It was agreed upon to hold another meeting next Tuesday, April 6, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Hamm said he met with the Building and Lands committee to look at property in West Madison that could be put up for surplus property sales. He also suggested that a minimum \$25.00 per front foot be required. With this minimum, all ten properties looked at would accumulate approximately \$10,400. He said the West Madison Recreation Center was not included as an appraisal was still needed. Ken Danzinger to check out if an award can be made to other than high bidder.

Mayor Hamm reported that MFT monies can be used to acquire the building at 4th & State.

Mayor Hamm also received a request from the Khoury League for a donation of \$500 to pay for insurance. He stated the City has always donated and would suggest continuing to do so.

Discussion of the Recreation Center was tabled until next meeting.

Robbie Robbins suggested the Council read page 24 in this month's municipal magazine.

There being no further business, it was moved by Alderman Grzywacz, seconded by Alderman Armour, to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

CITY CLERK

Sharon Case

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Sharon Case', written below the printed name and underlined.