

FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES
July 16, 2012
City Hall – 1st Floor Conference Room - West

Finance Chairperson Scott McMeans called the meeting to order at 5:31 PM

Present: Alderpersons Scott McMeans, Christopher Able, James Brey, and Eric Sitkiewitz

Absent: Colin Braunel

Also Present: Mayor Justin Nickels, Alderperson Jason Sladky, Finance Director/Treasurer Steve Corbeille, Assistant Finance Director/Treasurer Tony Scherer, City Attorney Juliana Ruenzel, Deputy Director Public Works/Eng/Park & Rec. Greg Minikel, Deputy Fire Chief Todd Blaser and Media (Charlie Mathews).

Public Input

No public input was presented.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Alderperson Able, second by Alderperson Sitkiewitz to approve the minutes of July 2nd, 2012 Finance Committee meeting. Motion carried unanimously (4-0).

Overview & Discussion Regarding the City's Claims Process

Alderperson McMeans summarized the two claims listed on the agenda and then requested City Attorney Juliana Ruenzel explain the claims process in order that the members of the Committee would all have the same understanding moving forward. Ms. Ruenzel described the process from claim inception in the Clerks Office, through her discovery of the facts provided by staff and legal sources, to her analysis and recommendation to the Committee.

Discussion & Possible Action on Claims

The Committee then discussed the Howard Schmill Claim #12-1082. The Committee held a short discussion regarding general city sewer calls/back-ups, the Public Works procedures as well as similar claims and remedies. No further action was taken by the Committee.

Alderperson McMeans then brought forth the Kevin Schroeder Claim (12-1084). The Committee again had a short discussion regarding the information presented.

Motion by Alderperson Able, second by Alderperson Sitkiewitz to deny the claim. Motion carried unanimously (4-0).

GFOA Financial Tool and Reports

Finance Director/Treasurer Steve Corbeille explained the tests providing a couple of caveats for the Committee to keep in mind when reviewing the information. Corbeille explained that the tests were formulated in 1993 and the governmental landscape has changed over the course of the past 20 years. He went on to provide the Committee with information concerning the test scores and grading structure, concluding that he felt the City could and should attempt to improve on a number of the ratios.

The Committee was appreciative of the information provided and thought it was very valuable. Alderperson McMeans suggested that the Finance Department also explore how other communities rank under the same test ratios. The Committee was in agreement with his suggestion.

Motion by Alderperson Brey, second by Alderperson Able to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman McMeans declared the meeting adjourned at 5:59 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alderman Scott McMeans
By: Anthony Scherer
Assistant Finance Director

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