

OCTOBER 1, 2018, FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES-October 6

4:30 p.m. Council Chamber. Members present: M. Hraban, M. Platteter, B. Stoneberg. Others present: A. Christianson 1 and 2, K. Gorsegner, K. Julien, S. Kavanagh, L. Klink, D. Parker, T. Verdegan.

Call to Order:

Committee Chair Platteter called the meeting to order and presided.

Flag Drop:

Mr. Platteter asked whether money was specifically earmarked for the flag drop during the Rusk County Rodeo. It was noted, in response, that was taken from the Council grants in aids budget line so was not a line item. It was, arguably, allowable as the take-off was from Memorial Park. The room tax support for the rodeo itself was probably errant, however, as the County passed along a legal opinion to the City advising that local government assistance to non-profits is only allowed within the jurisdiction where the monies were raised. The rodeo, on the other hand, took place outside the City. It was then mentioned that, perhaps, the fairgrounds could be annexed. It was then mentioned that County fairgrounds must be located outside cities.

The location of the Gravel Grinder bike race raises a similar concern. Almost the entire race course is located outside the City. On the other hand, support for Jaycee finish line activities within Memorial Park was likely okay.

Reduction:

Chair Platteter advocated reducing the 2019 library allocation by \$6,000, as that was the amount by which just one library employee's wages were increased. Such reduction might be complicated by the City-County cost share formula. Would \$3,600 of a \$6,000 reduction need to come off the County's contribution and the remaining \$2,400 from the City's?

Fees:

Clerk Kavanagh led a review of the City's current fee schedule. There was concurrence that the following fee changes should be recommended for Council approval:

- Increase operator's license fees from \$25 to \$30.
- Increase cigarette license fees from to \$100.
- Increase Class A liquor license fees from \$300 to \$350.
- Increase Class B beer license fees from \$75 to \$100.
- Increase Class C wine licenses from \$50 to \$75.

Adjourn:

The meeting was adjourned after 5 p.m.