

MAY 28, 2019 FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

4:30 p.m. Council Chamber. Members present: M. Platteter, B. Groothusen, B. Stoneberg. Others present: A. Christianson 1 and 2, K. Gorseger, R. Grey.

Call to Order:

Chair Platteter called the meeting to order and presided.

Invoices:

After reviewing monthly invoices, motion was made by Stoneberg, seconded by Groothusen and carried by voice vote to recommend Council approval.

Informative Columns:

Considerable support was expressed for getting informative articles out to the public by whatever means possible: *Utility bill inserts. *Ladysmith News articles. *Radio. *Website articles. *Newsletter.

After discussion motion was made by Groothusen, seconded by Stoneberg and carried by voice vote to recommend Council approval of \$300 from Council grants and aids for placement of a pre-Mardi Gras article in the L. News.

2020 Budget:

There was discussion of 2020 budget development. Proposals are due June 10th for 2020 street project planning. It is hoped that work will be far enough along by summer's end to provide solid budget numbers for targeted projects. It is also anticipated that Barrientos Associates' work on evaluating the former armory for conversion into a new City shop will be far enough along to have an estimated cost (\$500,000?) in that same time range. A decision will then need to be made on how much the City is willing to borrow to address these projects.

Rodeo:

It was reported that Rusk County Rodeo promoters will appear at the June 10, Council meeting and will plan to provide a Form "990", 2018 actual financials and 2019 projected financials at that time. Atty. Kenyon will seek to find out how parachute jumper Sgt. Bowman was paid last year as the City's \$3,000 check was simply made out to "Rusk County Rodeo".

Concern was expressed about the propriety of a rodeo promoter serving on the City's Tourism Commission. It was noted that the State's Tourism Commission enabling law requires a hospitality industry member to be on that Commission.

Adjourn:

At 5:15 p.m. motion was made by Groothusen, seconded by Stoneberg and carried by voice vote to adjourn.