

August 14th, 2024 FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

5:00 pm Council Chamber. Members Present: N. Johnson, R. Lovely, M. Hraban

Others Present: A. Christianson II, Robert Grotzinger, Chief Gibbs, Sara Nelson, T. Devine, Chief Julien, Chief Gibbs, A. Christianson I

Call to Order: Committee Chair Johnson called the meeting to order at 5:00pm and presided.

Roll Call: Mr. Devine took roll. A quorum was present.

Discussion on Fire Department Budget:

Chief Gibbs advised that there are no changes from the 2024 budget other than \$1000 for storm siren maintenance. Future projects include a door replacement, paving the alley behind the Fire Hall, and re-roofing the shingled portion of the building.

No adjustments were requested.

Discussion on the Police Department budget:

Chief Julien advised that the Police Department budget is largely unchanged from 2024's budget. Wage and fringe are increased per the union contract, with some changes to reflect a retiring officer and two new officers who will be going through training in 2025, becoming FT officers during 2025. In light of the reduced wage expense, Chief Julien would like to redirect that expense to a non-police rate vehicle, so he included \$30,000 for that purchase. The Chief expects to have a full staff in 2026. Police Department office lease from the County has increased by 25% to \$25,450.

There were no adjustments requested.

Discussion on Elections Budget:

Ms. Nelson advised that the 2025 Elections budget decreased from 2024 due to the fact that 2025 will only have two elections (as opposed to four in 2024).

There were no adjustments requested.

Discussion on Municipal Court budget:

Ms. Nelson advised that the Municipal Court budget is largely unchanged from 2024, with the exception of a slight increase in wages, and a slight increase in the cost of the court system's software.

There were no adjustments requested.

Discussion on the Legal Affairs budget:

Ms. Nelson advised that the Legal Affairs budget is unchanged from 2024 to 2025. The exception being the wage line now reflects an extension of the YTD expenses to Patrick Rowe.

There were no adjustment requests.

Discussion on City Hall/General budget:

Mr. Devine advised that the City Hall/General budget for 2025 is largely unchanged from 2024. Clerk/Treasurer/Comp wages are reduced from 2024 due to no projected retirements.

There were no adjustment requests.

Review and action to approve July/August's paid invoices:

Motion to approve July/August's paid invoices by R. Lovely, seconded by M. Hraban. Motion carries by unanimous voice vote.

Next meeting tentatively planned for Tuesday, August 21st, at 5:00pm.

Motion to adjourn by R. Lovely, seconded by M. Hraban

Meeting Adjourned at 6:00pm