

## **August 7th, 2023 FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

5:00 pm Council Chamber. Members Present: N. Johnson, G. Pedersen, A. Hraban

Others Present: A. Christianson II, Robert Grotzinger, Chief Gibbs, Shari Peterson, Dr. Weiss, A. Kenyon, T. Devine, Andy Strom, Chief Julien

**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 few changes from the 2023 budget other than an increase in the cost of insuring the department's vehicles. This is the second year of budgeting \$75,000 for a new pumper, with the intent of accumulating funds over time. The plan is to gather information, and maybe place an order in 2024. It would then take 2 to 3 years to get the unit once the order is placed. A rough estimate on the price of a new pumper is in the range of \$600,000 to \$750,000.

Mr. Devine added that the township contract for their fire protection is done June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024. With no new contract available, the township revenues calculated in the 2024 budget were calculated as though the existing contract ran through the end of the year.

No adjustments were requested.

### **Discussion on City Hall/General budget:**

Mr. Devine advised that some of the line items involving supplies, equipment leases, and software subscriptions were increased. Clerk/Treasurer/Comptroller wages were increased to reflect severance pay due to the possibility of, though not yet formally announced, retirement of an employee. The Software Maintenance line was increased due to the cost of upgrading the city's website.

There were no adjustment requests.

### **Discussion on Elections Budget:**

Mrs. Peterson advised that the 2024 Elections budget increased from 2023 due to the fact that 2024 will have several elections, with the November presidential election being a large turnout event.

There were no adjustments requested.

### **Discussion on Municipal Court budget:**

Mrs. Peterson advised that the Municipal Court budget is largely unchanged from 2023, 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:**

Mrs. Peterson advised that the Legal Affairs budget is unchanged from 2023 to 2024.

There were no adjustment requests.

**Discussion on the Legal Affairs budget:**

Chief Julien advised that the only increases in the Police Department's budget are in the wages and fringe lines, and equipment replacement. There was a reduction in the Uniform Allowance line as there won't be a need for the protective equipment purchases compared to 2023.

There were no adjustments requested.

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

Motion to adjourn by A. Hraban, seconded by G. Pedersen

Meeting Adjourned at 5:59pm