

Finance Committee Meeting
Minutes 11-18-14

The meeting was called to order Tuesday, November 18, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the East Annex of City Hall, 2434 Vermont Street, Blue Island, Illinois with proper public notice given. Roll call taken of the committee with Alderman Tom Hawley and Alderman Nancy Thompson and Alderman Kevin Donahue present Alderman Chrissy Buckner absent. Also present were Director of Finance and Administration Matt Anastasia, Public Safety Director John Rita, Jr., Supervisor of Golf Betty Harmeyer, Mr. Sean Halloran and Mr. Allen Stevo.

Public Comment - None.

New Business- Director Matt Anastasia introduced new city employee Sean Halloran who is the new grant person who will report to the Finance Committee. Start date is Monday, 11-24-14. He will be overseeing all grants, assisting in the finance department and the position was appropriated for. Discussion regarding renewal of the Tax Anticipation Warrant for \$1 million dollars, prepay with no penalty. We prepaid previous TAW on 9-24-14. No Action Taken.

Payroll for 11-7-14 in the amount of \$335,299.15 after discussion and noting that Mark Luety, Joe Heitz and Jerry Vidovic will be on through December, a motion to authorize by Alderman Kevin Donahue and 2nd by Alderman Tom Hawley. Voice vote all in favor to approve the total payroll liability in the amount of \$335,299.15 Motion carried.

**Accounts Payable for 11-19-14 was authorized for payment by Alderman Nancy Thompson in the amount of \$190,406.11 and 2nd by Alderman Kevin Donahue. Voice vote all in favor to approve. Motion carried. Discussion regarding the accounts payable check ledger: 50% deposit of \$37,397.50 to Kaiser Communications to replace the outdated telephone system for the entire City including the golf course. A \$10,684.10 partial payment to Morton Salt. The City can only order 120% of the total amount of the previous year's amount through the State's purchasing program which is considerably much less than a private company which is approximately 3x more. The 2nd Salt Dome is in place for the delivery of the salt.

Golf Course: Discussion on Harris Golf Carts. No Action Taken. Supervisor Harmeyer discussed weather conditions and effects on the golf course; researching new avenues of revenue of foot golf possibilities; October golf course monthly total \$65,028.80.

Since Mr. Stevo was late and missed public comment, before closing, the Chair asked Mr. Stevo if he had any public comment. Mr. Stevo asked if there is in fact a forensic audit? Alderman Hawley answered that there was not and that it was too expensive. John Rita added he believes the mayor accidentally confused the terms forensic audit and annual audit. The chair added it was not appropriated for either.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 p.m. by Alderman Tom Hawley and 2nd by Alderman Nancy Thompson. Voice vote all in favor. Motion carried.

The next Finance Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 2, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. due to scheduling conflicts in the East Annex of City Hall, Blue Island, Illinois.

Respectfully submitted by,
Alderman Nancy Rita, Chair