

Finance Committee Meeting

Minutes 7-1-14

The meeting was called to order Tuesday, July 1, 2014 at 6:42 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 present. Alderman Chrissy Buckner and Alderman Kevin Donahue absent. Also present were Finance Director Matt Anastasia, Director John Rita, Jr., Treasurer Carmine Billotto, Supervisor of Golf Betty Harmeyer, Mr. Clay Putnam, CGCS of ServiScape and Mr. Allen Stevo. Since we did not have a quorum and Mr. Putnam drove in from Michigan City, Alderman Nancy Thompson was available via speaker telephone conference for discussion purposes only.

ServiScape Discussion: Recap of the responsibilities of ServiScape for Alderman Tom Hawley since he was not able to make the previous meeting with Mr. Putnam such as job duties of the employees specifically during the winter months, equipment being used by Alsip and the \$33,000 reimbursement fee which is used for "special projects" such as flooding on the golf course. Alderman Nancy Thompson asked what projects have been completed with the reimbursement money? Mr. Putnam said rebuilt sandtraps, it paid for new carpaths, landscaping, rebuilt T's on the course, and miles of drainpipe. HE continued to explain that a spreadsheet of credits and the value is sent to Jerry Vidovic. For example, the month of April 2014 there was a total of \$8,600 of reimbursement money. Alderman Rita asked who makes the decision as to how and when to spend the reimbursement money and on what projects? Mr. Putnam said Jerry Vidovic would make all those decisions. He also explained that Alsip is charged for how many times equipment is used as well as for the fuel used and that they pay us and the money is made by rental and storage which is reflected on the spreadsheet through credits. Alderman Hawley asked how the employees time is tracked whether thru timecards or swiping in? Mr. Putnam said time cards. Also, the committee wanted to know why the December bill was so high and Mr. Putnam said it was for an arrogation project. Also discussed, the pass thru contract and the savings which are directly passed on to the City. From now on the committee wants a yearly budget and will go over it monthly. Matt Anastasia said he already received the yearly budget and it will be closely monitored by Matt, Betty and Serviscape so they do not exceed their budget.

Ground Mower Discussion: It was discussed whether to lease it for 60 months or buy it. More information is needed. No action taken.

JAWA Discussion: Treasure Billotto gave a report regarding JAWA. He explained that he never received the 2012 and 2013 audit from the Comptroller. There is feasibility of another study and they want more money. After months of trying to negotiate because of the constituents voice of the referendum and protecting our \$5million dollars and the negotiations of the first two years, but the money has been expended with nothing to show and too much mistrust and they want us to give more money with no feasibility study to show. Also, now Harvey has released the accounting firm. The recommendation is to try to protect Blue Island's \$570,000 in bonds and not go forward.

The meeting was adjourned at at 7:57 p.m.

The next Finance Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 8, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. in the East Annex of City Hall, Blue Island, Illinois for a Special Meeting to vote on these agenda items.

Respectfully submitted by,
Alderman Nancy Rita, Chair