

Minutes of the General Government and Public Safety Committee meeting of Monday, October 12, 2015.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, David Wilkins at 7:02 p.m. Present also were Aldermen Landon Magley, Don Bormann, Jim Lee and Mayor Tim Grenke. Also attending were City Administrator Matt Harline, Police Chief Larry Dudgeon, and James Smith of the Fireside Guard

Pledge of Allegiance

Those present recited the pledge.

Comments from Citizens.

None.

Police Department

Activity Report: Wilkins asked for comments and questions on the Activity Report and Grenke asked about the report item "Fraud-Checks money-weights." Chief Dudgeon replied that could be writing checks on someone else's account.

Fire Department

Activity Report: Wilkins noted that the report was handed out in hard copy. Wilkins asked for comments and questions on the Activity Report and there were none. Grenke asked if Banner was building our truck yet. Harline replied that he had not received a report, but the financing was done and the first payment of \$7,333.33 was on the list to approve.

Emergency Management

None

Protective Inspection

None.

Economic Development

CREDI Wilkins noted that there was a note from Lorry Myers that they did not have a quorum at the last meeting and that they had announced that January 23rd will be the night of their banquet this year. Harline asked if they thought the Committee felt it was worth buying a table at the event last year and the Mayor and others answered affirmatively. Smith (Fireside Guard) asked what the cost to the City was and Grenke said he thought it was \$300. Harline noted that he had reimbursed the City for his wife's ticket.

Feasibility Study. Harline explained that the draft of the RFP was in the packet. He reported that two companies had contacted him already. One had already submitted a proposal and the other felt that they were too busy to get one submitted by the deadline.

Other: None.

Park Board

Wilkins stated that there were minutes from the Park Board meeting of Sept 15 in the packet.

Refinancing RFP update Harline reported that we had received the proposals from four firms in answer to the RFP for refinancing the recreation center and financing the pool improvements. Harline stated that Commerce Bank, George K. Baum and Stifel Nicolaus all made proposals to

sell securities and Central Bank made an offer for a Direct Placement financing. Harline said that he would be working with our financial advisor Todd Goffoy and expects to bring a recommendation back to the Board of Aldermen meeting next Monday night.

Cemetery Report

Wilkins noted that the Cemetery Board minutes are in the packet. Wilkins asked for comments or questions about the minutes and there were none.

Tree Board

No report.

Library Board

None. Harline speculated that the reason that there were no minutes or agenda for the Library Board in the packet was that Phyllis had been absent due to illness and may not have received it in time.

Financial Statements

Financial statements for September 2015 were in the agenda packet. Harline replied that things were tracking remarkably similar to last year. Harline noted that he had budgeted a little light on Accrued Employee benefits after missing a part of the calculation, but overall it will not make a material difference.

Bills over \$1,250

Wilkins noted that Committee received a preliminary list of bills over \$1,250 in the addendum left for the Committee members totaling \$181,678.13. Harline noted that the bill from Illinois Power Marketing had not yet arrived. Wilkins noted there was a bill from Charter and asked about the recent phone outage. Harline said that he had waited on his cell phone for about 40 minutes and the problem was fixed by the time he got off the phone and did not get an explanation. Wilkins asked about the refund to HomeBank. Harline stated it was due to an error reading the compound water meter.

Other General Government

Personal mobile phone reimbursement policy Harline noted that a draft policy has been included in the packet for discussion with the intent to bring it back next Monday for adoption. Harline said that it had been discussed before and this was generally the amount the Committee had recommended. Harline added that this would only be available for supervisors that did not have a phone supplied by the City. Harline asked for comments and questions. Wilkins noted that no one wanted to carry two phones and so this was preferable.

Handicapped Parking on the Square: Harline noted that the draft ordinance has three new handicapped parking spots on the square (a.k.a City Park). Harline told the Committee that they could recommend some or all of those spaces. Harline said that there were no handicapped spaces on the inside of the square and this was a specific request of the Troy Balthazar (accessibility specialist). Harline said that there were currently none at all in the 100 block of West Singleton Street, one on the 100 block of South Allen by Kinkead's, and two each on Sneed and Rollins on the outer side of the square. Bormann said he was comfortable with the suggestions.

Other

Dudgeon noted that there is softball this Wednesday, volleyball Thursday and football on Friday versus Macon.

As May Arise
None.

Lee moved that the Committee adjourn. Magley seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous voice vote. The Committee adjourned at 7:26 p.m.