

FINANCE & TAXATION COMMITTEE
May 26, 2010

Chairperson Boyce called the meeting to order.

A. Roll Call

Present at roll call were Alderpersons Boyce, Koch, Henke, Hannes, and Alt. Hanson. Also present were Mayor Ross, City Attorney Ewald, Acctg. Manager Shaw, Alderpersons Ingwell and Rivers, and Tere Dunlap of the Monroe Times.

B. Correction of Minutes

None

C. Business:

1. Discuss and recommend to Council a Resolution Directing Payment of Interest on Advances from General Fund to Pay Tax Incremental Finance District Number 4 Project Costs

City Attorney Ewald explained. TID 4 was not performing and could not pay all the bills. Money had to be taken out of the general fund to pay the bills. We are now getting donations from TID 6 to pay back the general fund. Rex Henke arrived at the meeting. An extension is pending to extend the donations for another 5 years in the form of a TID amendment. It was discovered that the City is not recovering any interest costs from the money that was used from the general fund. Questions and discussion took place. Motion made by Alderperson Henke and seconded by Alderperson Koch to recommend the resolution to Council. Motion carried.

2. Discuss bills and contract from BZA and take action

City Clerk Stamm explained. The payment for BZA in the sum of \$28,879.11 that was on the claims list for the last Council meeting was not approved. The bill was very large because BZA receives 80% of the permit fees collected in the month after the fees are collected. This was a very large amount due to the permits for the hospital project which will be under construction for approximately the next 2 years. Alderperson Henke said he feels we need to pay and abide by the contract as it is written. Alderperson Koch questioned why the city is paying for inspections that are not done yet. Discussion took place. Alderperson Henke motioned to approve the bills and send to Council. Alderperson Koch seconded the motion. More discussion took place. On voice vote, the motion carried.

Aldersperson Henke motioned to revisit BZA's contract at the first of the year. Discussion took place. Aldersperson Henke amended the motion "to talk about the BZA contract in September during budget time." Aldersperson Hannes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

3. Review and discuss proposed increases for building permit and inspection fees and possibly recommend to Council for approval

Discussion took place. Aldersperson Koch said that we shouldn't change now because of the economy and also said that he has received an earful from contractors. Aldersperson Koch said that if the city raises fees, the contractors said they want the inspector to be available when needed, and that there needs to be give and take on both sides. Aldersperson Henke said that BZA is making good fees now because of the hospital project and said we should wait on this until budget time. Discussion took place. Aldersperson Henke said he will abstain from voting on this because of direct interest. More discussion took place. Aldersperson Koch would like the fee structure to be reviewed before budget time. He said he wants to go over the fees at committee level with Rex Henke. The committee generally agreed to schedule a meeting regarding this around the middle of July.

4. Discuss upcoming budget process and possibility of changing renewal dates for health stop loss insurance and take action

Aldersperson Boyce said this came up because of timing with the budget process. He wants to move the renewal date to earlier in year. Aldersperson Koch said this has not been a huge issue in the past. City Clerk Stamm presented information regarding how the current self insured process works. The stop loss insurance repays the city for anyone's claims that go over \$50,000 in a calendar year. One concern is if the city renews the policy early, the claims paid accumulators start back over at zero, creating a possibility that the City may not receive a reimbursement from the stop loss carrier that it may have otherwise if the accumulators had run to the end of the year. Another concern is if the policy comes due for renewal in the middle of a budget cycle and there is a large increase not budgeted for, it may be difficult to come up with the money to cover the increase. Discussion took place. The committee generally agreed to leave as is. No action taken.

D. Business by Members

None

E. Adjournment

Motion made by Alderperson Henke and seconded by Aldererson Koch to adjourn. Motion carried.

Carol J. Stamm, CMC, WCMC
City Clerk