

**COUNCIL AS A WHOLE COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES
TUESDAY
MAY 28, 2013**

Council President Mr. Morley opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

ATTENDEES

Members of Council in attendance were Mrs. Quinn-Hopkins, Mr. Licht, Ms. DePledge, Ms. Vaughn, Mr. Hoefle, Mr. D'Ambrosio and Council President Mr. Morley.

Those attending from the Administration were Mayor Andrzejewski, Fire Chief Whittington, Police Chief Reik, Law Director Klammer, and Finance Director Slocum. City Engineer Gwydir is absent and excused.

LEGISLATION PROPOSED

05-28-(01): AMENDMENT ORDINANCE SECTION 125.11, EXPENDITURE LIMITATION

Mr. Morley: Mr. Hoefle?

Ms. Vaughn: No, that authorized the Finance Director and the Mayor to negotiate best possible rates for utility services to the City.

Mr. Slocum: Both electric and natural gas.

Mr. Morley: Do you want to explain anything at all?

Mr. Slocum: Those markets move on a daily basis and I really can't go out and get a bid and take it to Finance Committee and then get it in, by the time all that happens the rates have changed and we have to go back and do it again. This allows us to enter into the contract. Finance Director with the Mayor's approval and bring it back and let you know what we have done.

Mr. Morley: This came about a few weeks ago in Finance, when we were talking about the new gas rates were coming out. We didn't have anything in place that would set up the Mayor and Finance Director could go and enter into the contract with the electric or utility rates, because they were changing on a daily basis. So we gave the okay at our last Finance meeting and we are going to put the legislation in for it tonight. So that is what that is about.

05-28-(02): ACCEPTANCE OF 2013 TAX BUDGET

Mr. Morley: Ms. Vaughn?

Ms. Vaughn: That is an annual occurrence here on Council. Our Finance Director is charged to do an estimated 2013 tax budget. We will accept it and pass it on to the proper authorities. I don't know if Mr. Slocum wants to add anything additional to that.

Mr. Slocum: The only thing that is a little bit different than what we had talked about, a couple of weeks ago. This was already presented when we talked. Is that I did not assume, I assumed that if we were going over that we would make cuts to keep the budget balanced. That we would not let it go zero. If you would look at this you will see that I projected the general fund to go down to \$6,000.00. I could have taken it to zero. I just don't want us to go on record as taking it below, because that is not what we have practiced.

Ms. Vaughn: Did you include the change in revenue anticipated for the loss of the internet café's?

Mr. Slocum: Yes. That was taken into account. A tremendous reduction in the inheritance tax. We budget \$75,000.00 this year, I am thinking that we might get \$5,000.00. Whatever we collect next year will still result from people who died in 2012. Sometimes that takes it's time to work it's way through the court. I think that we will get something, but not a lot.

05-28-(03): POLICE DEPARTMENT AUCTION

Mr. Morley: Chief do you have anything that you want to add to that?

Chief Reik: I sent over the list. There are a few electronics and things as such. It is on the 8th of June. The cars will be on Ebay. The Ebay account will start about the same time and go approximately five more minutes.

Mr. Slocum: Mr. President? Just a point of clarification. The Ordinance is specifically to put the cars on Ebay. The other thing that the Chief was referring to. We have actually in miscellaneous, the Police Department General Auction and he has provided that list. So it is really two parts, but the one we need an ordinance.

Mr. Morley: Right the cars are the ordinance 05-28-(03) the BMW and the Ford Escort.

05-28-(04): STATE CONTRACT TO PURCHASE ONE 2014 SUV POLICE CAR FROM GRIVE CHRYSLER JEEP INC. FOR \$25,355.80.

Mr. Morley: Mr. Slocum we have talked about a \$8.00 difference.

Mr. Slocum: Number one you had approved us to purchase a 2013. Those are no longer available. The 2014 model is available and it cost \$8.00 and that is what this legislation in visions, purchasing the 2014. The 2013 will not be purchased.

Mr. Morley: Correct. Any questions on that?

05-28-(05): AWARD THE CONTRACT FOR VARIOUS ASPHALT, CONCRETE PRODUCTS TO TECH READY MIX INC.

Mr. Morley: Ms. Vaughn?

Ms. Vaughn: When we awarded the contracts for various concrete and other products there was a long list of suppliers and we always go with the lowest and best bidder. Unfortunately, this one was omitted and we are asking to pass legislation to award this contract this evening.

Mr. Slocum: If I just might add. We only had one bid for the items included in this Ordinance. So we did not have multiple bidders.

05-28-(06): RESOLUTION IN NECESSATY FOR A 0.5 MIL RECREATION LEVY

Mr. Morley: Mr. Hoefle?

Mr. Hoefle: The Recreation Committee met last Tuesday we were discussing getting out to the ballot this November a Parks and Recreation Levy. It would be a .5 Mil Levy, for 5 years. That would bring it about \$216,000 per year. I will go into more detail in our Regular Council Meeting.

Mr. Morley: Thank you. Are there any questions for Mr. Hoefle?

There were no questions or comments.

LEGISLATION PENDING

There was no Legislation Pending.

MISCELLANEOUS

POLICE DEPARTMENT GENERAL AUCTION

Mr. Morley: Which is June 8th at 9:00 a.m. they can look at the things that will be on auction. 10:00 a.m. will start the auction. I don't remember is it cash or check?

Chief Reik: We do take check, but we prefer cash.

Mr. Morley: Also we have the acceptance of the \$500.00 Police granted TV Conference. Which the conference was already held, we have until June 1st to get that in. So that is just accepting a \$500.00 grant so that they could go to a conference.

Mr. Morley: Also under miscellaneous, we will bring up we have two liquor license transfers, one for (unintelligible) and one for Bullbar LLC. That is a renewal. We will do those with Mr. D'Ambrosio's report. Is there anything else under miscellaneous that we need to talk about either from the Administration or Council? Mr. D'Ambrosio?

Mr. D'Ambrosio: I would just like to bring up about the Boulevard of Flags and the Committee. I would like to thank Mike Razenski who has put in a lot of time at the Boulevard of Flags, after work, putting on the plaques, taking down poles. The whole Committee participated and a lot of volunteers did to put these up. Mike was there almost every night after work. Thank you very much. It looks great. Joe Strand who kind of leads the group really did a great job organizing everything. Thanks to everybody who came out and helped.

There were no questions or comments.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:09 p.m.

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DATE: _____