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FINANCE, LEGAL & AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING
APRIL 20TH, 2021
7:34 PM

PRESENT: Aldermen Barragree, Cahoe, Marcier, Rushbrook, Garfield, Miller, Yates, Alderwoman Ulfers, Mayor Allhands

Alderman Barragree opened the meeting at 7:34 pm. There was no public comment.

Alderman Barragree makes a motion to recommend to the Council to accept the March Treasurers report and Alderman Garfield seconded. Roll call carried 9-0.

Alderman Barragree stated everyone has a copy of the engagement letter from CliftonLarsonAllen for the upcoming yearly audit. The cost is \$31800 + \$1590 technology fee for a total cost of \$33,390.00. **Alderman Barragree makes a motion to recommend to the Council to accept the engagement letter from CliftonLarsonAllen for \$33,390.00 for the 2021 year end audit and Alderman Cahoe seconded. Roll call carried 9-0.**

Alderman Barragree stated he has given everyone a copy of the proposed budget along with a worksheet that explains the changes in this years budget compared to last year. The proposed budget was given to Fox Group to look over and they are ok with the proposed transfers. There was a lengthy discussion concerning the demolition line item and the promotion line item. Mayor Allhands wanted to decrease the demolition line item by \$18,000 and move it to the promotion line item to use in the downtown area. There was also discussion about the revenue in the sewer line budget vs no revenue in the wastewater budget. After a lengthy discussion **Alderman Barragree makes a motion to recommend to the Council to accept the balanced budget for the 2021-2022 fiscal year and Alderman Cahoe seconded. Roll call carried 7-2 with Alderman Rushbrook voting present and Mayor Allhands abstaining.**

Alderman Barragree stated the general fund should have a balance of roughly \$550,000 to \$500,000 at year end. He is proposing to transfer \$150,000 into the capital equipment purchase line item. There was discussion about increasing that amount if the balance will be in the \$500,000 range. **Alderman Rushbrook makes a motion to recommend to the Council to transfer \$250,000 from 1-10-1000 into 1-10-1045. Alderman Barragree seconded. Roll call carried 9-0.**

Alderman Cahoe stated he would like to discuss a possible gas tax for the City to be used for a street program. He stated there are 6 gas stations in the City. He has talked to one of them and with the approximate numbers that were given to him, Alderman Cahoe thinks a rough number of gallons would be about 83,000 gallons per month per station. Alderman Cahoe is proposing a \$.05 to \$.07 per gallon tax. He asked each member of the committee for there thoughts and ideas. Alderman Cahoe would like to go to the local banks in a couple of years after the money is accumulated and see about borrowing to do some street projects and use the gas tax money

to pay the loan back. He is not in favor of any more bonds. The committee members are willing to look at a proposed gas tax. This will be put on the agenda for full council for next week.

Alderman Barragree makes a motion to adjourn at 8:32 pm and Alderwoman Ulfers seconded. Roll call carried 9-0.

Brandon Barragree, Chairman