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**FINANCE, LEGAL & AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**MAY 18, 2021**  
**7:52 PM**

**PRESENT:** Aldermen Barragaree, Cahoe, Marcier, Rushbrook, Garfield, Miller, Alderwoman Ulfers, Mayor Allhands

**ABSENT:** Alderman Yates

Alderman Barragaree opened the meeting at 7:52 pm. There was no public comment.

**Alderman Barragaree makes a motion to recommend to the Council to accept the April Treasurers report and Alderman Rushbrook seconded. Roll call carried 8-0.**

The committee had a lengthy discussion concerning road work projects throughout the City. Mayor Allhands gave the committee some of his ideas about how to fund some road work projects with MFT money and Rebuild Illinois monies. It was also discussed about using crack filling on some of the streets. Mayor Allhands stated the City also has STU funds from the state in the amount of \$253,976.28. North 7<sup>th</sup> St was discussed in detail as some members of the committee believe this street needs a total redo not just a mill and overlay. Road projects and funding will be on the full council agenda for next week.

Alderman Cahoe stated the road projects that need to be done need to be on both sides of the City not just one side. Alderman Cahoe also stated a decision needs to be made concerning a gas tax. Either it needs to be done or move on he stated. There was some discussion about the amount. Alderman Rushbrook stated he thinks \$.05 cents would be a good place to start. The committee was ok with this amount. It will be given to the Attorney Cainkar to get the paperwork started. Alderman Cahoe stated at one time a utility tax was discussed also.

Alderman Barragaree stated fiscal year 2020-2021 ended with an increase in the income of 2.4% and expenses overall through the City were down 6%.

Alderman Barragaree makes a motion to adjourn at 8:15 pm and Alderman Cahoe seconded. Roll call carried 8-0.

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Brandon Barragaree, Chairman