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**FINANCE, LEGAL & AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING
AUGUST 17, 2021
8:04 PM**

PRESENT: Aldermen Barragree, Cahoe, Marcier, Garfield, Miller, Alderwomen Ulfers and Musk, and Mayor Allhands

Absent: Alderman Rushbrook

Alderman Barragree opened the meeting at 8:04 pm. There was no public comment.

Alderman Barragree makes a motion to recommend to the Council to accept the July Treasurers report and Alderman Garfield seconded. Roll call carried 8-0.

Alderman Barragree stated a transfer of \$50,000 needs to be into the revolving loan fund.

Alderman Cahoe makes a motion to recommend to the Council to transfer \$50,000 from 45-10-9000 into 1-10-9045. Alderwoman Ulfers seconded. Roll call carried 8-0.

Alderman Barragree stated when raises were done in May the code enforcement didn't get an increase, therefore he would like to raise the payrate to \$24/hour effective 8/31/21. **Alderman Marcier makes a motion to recommend to the Council to increase Code Enforcement Officer Bill Stanley hourly rate to \$24.00 effective 8/31/21 and Alderman Cahoe seconded. Roll call carried 8-0.**

Mayor Allhands stated everyone was given a list of properties in the city that the city could purchase if wanted. There was a lengthy discussion about the JC Penny's building again. Some members wanted to purchase it but then it was decided to wait until the structural engineer inspection was done first. Alderwoman Ulfers stated when she was in the building last week she was in the basement and it was dry. After more discussion **Alderman Marcier makes a motion to recommend to the Council to purchase Shorty's vacant lot at 217 E Walnut for \$3,000 and Alderman Cahoe seconded. Roll call carried 8-0. This will be paid for out of the promotions line item or capital equipment line item.**

Alderman Cahoe stated the committee has a quote from IPC for alley repaving for 3rd to 4th St. (Library Alley) for \$18,100.00 and 5th St to 3rd St.(Church Alley) for \$25,660.00 that could be done with Plumb Mart's façade project. This will be put on the agenda for Tuesday.

Alderwoman Ulfers stated she talked to Mark Garfield today about the Auxiliary working at the Family Festival and they are willing to donate their time instead of billing the Festival. Alderwoman Ulfers thanked the department. She also stated the fire department will be donating 15 fireman for the event also. She thanked them to.

It was stated Public Works department received a thank you for the sidewalk work that was done at the high school and a thank you from a resident for picking up branches in a timely manner.

Alderman Barragree stated he has given everyone a summary of financial statistics for the time period of May-July. Alderman Barragree also stated the Gas tax money that is collected will have its own line item in the street & alley fund and a pooled cash account where the revenues will be placed so at year-end they will not end up in the general fund.

Alderman Barragree makes a motion to adjourn at 8:30 pm and Alderman Cahoe seconded. Roll call carried 8-0.

Brandon Barragree, Chairman