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**FINANCE, LEGAL & AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING
SEPTEMBER 21, 2021
8:31 PM**

PRESENT: Alderman Barragree, Cahoe, Marcier, Miller, Garfield, Alderwoman Ulfers, Mayor Allhands

ABSENT: Alderman Rushbrook, Alderwoman Musk

GUESTS: Hope Wheeler with CliftonLarsonAllen via phone

Alderman Barragree opened the meeting at 8:31 pm. There was no public comment. Hope Wheeler with CliftonLarsonAllen presented via phone highlights of the 2020-2021 fiscal year audit. There were no questions for her

Alderman Barragree makes a motion to recommend to the Council to accept the August treasurers report and Alderman Cahoe seconded. Roll call carried 7-0.

Alderman Marcier makes a motion to recommend to the Council to transfer \$179,600 from the general fund 1-10-8000 into the Street & Alley fund 6-10-9000. Alderwoman Ulfers seconded. Roll call carried 7-0.

Alderman Barragree stated there are 2 TIF reimbursements that need approval. **Alderwoman Ulfers makes a motion to recommend to the Council to approve a TIF 4 reimbursement to JR Developments for \$2211.38 and Alderman Garfield seconded. Roll call carried 7-0.**

Alderman Garfield makes a motion to recommend to the Council to approve a TIF 4 reimbursement to Designer Homes for \$3910.98 and Alderman Miller seconded. Roll call carried 7-0.

Alderman Barragree stated last month Alderman Cahoe stated he would like to change the liquor ordinance so that businesses can sell alcohol before 11 on Sundays. After discussion Alderman Cahoe makes a motion to recommend to the Council to sell package liquor before 11 on Sundays 24/7. Alderman Barragree seconded. Roll call carried 6-1 with Alderman Miller voting no. Then more discussion was had about the 24/7 selling. Alderman Cahoe then rescinds his motion to sell package liquor before 11 on Sundays 24/7. **Alderman Cahoe makes a motion to recommend to the Council to begin liquor sales at 6:00 am on Sundays in package like the rest of the week at convenience stores. Alderwoman Ulfers seconded. Roll call carried 7-0.**

Mayor Allhands asked the committee their thoughts on adding a 3% tax on all liquor sales as an additional revenue source. The committee after a short discussion is ok with this. Mayor Allhands with get in touch with Attorney Cainkar to get an ordinance done along with the package liquor sales before 11 on Sundays.

Alderman Barragree stated the gas tax money last month totaled \$15742.62 with all gas stations paying except for Gas Depot. This money is in the street and alley fund and will also have a pooled cash account.

Alderman Barragree asked the committee about starting meetings at 6:30 at night instead of 7:00. The committee was ok with this except for Alderman Cahoe. This will be put on the full council agenda for more discussion.

Alderman Barragree makes a motion to adjourn at 9:10 pm and Alderman Cahoe seconded. Roll call carried 7-0.

Brandon Barragree, Chairman