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**FINANCE, LEGAL & AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING
APRIL 19TH, 2022
7:29 PM.**

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

ABSENT: Alderman Rushbrook

Alderman Barragree opened the meeting at 7:29 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 8-0.

Alderman Barragree stated Fox Group CPA has sent the city the engagement letter for fiscal year 2022-2023 at a cost of \$45,000.00. **Alderman Cahoe makes a motion to recommend to the council to accept the engagement letter from Fox Group CPA for fiscal year 2022-2023 for \$45,000.00 and Alderman Marcier seconded. Roll call carried 8-0.**

Alderman Barragree stated everyone has a copy of the proposed rate increases for non-union employees and other employees outside of the standard yearly raises. After looking over the list **Alderman Garfield makes a motion to recommend to the council to give the following increases: Police Chief Jeremy Douglas 3.5% from \$51.90 to \$53.72/hr, Lt Josh King promoted to Deputy Chief 7% from \$38.76 to \$41.47/hr, Police Secretary Kendra Warner 18.48% from \$16.88 to \$20.00/hr, Austin Kidwell promoted to Public Works Crew Leader 11.75% from \$21.28 to \$23.78/hr, Jason Langellier promoted to Public Works Crew Leader 11.34% from \$22.04 to \$24.54/hr, Robert Dutkiewicz (yard waste employee) 33.33% from \$13.50 to \$18.00/hr, Fire Chief Ken Baier from \$8400/yr to \$18,000/yr, Administrative Assistant Cathy Molck 5% from \$25.38 to \$26.65/hr, Building Inspector Eric Brandt 5% from \$25.22 to \$26.48/hr. Alderwoman Ulfers seconded. Roll call carried 7-0 with Alderwoman Musk voting no.**

Alderman Barragree stated he has the budget done and it will be on the agenda for next Tuesday for full council. He also stated everyone has a copy of the projected revenues and expenses for 2022-2023 vs 2021-2022 summary. Alderman Barragree also stated he wants to move \$155,000 into capital equipment to bring it up to \$500,000.00. **Alderman Garfield makes a motion to recommend to the council to transfer \$155,000 from the general fund to the pool cash account Capital Equipment line item and Alderwoman Ulfers seconded. Roll call carried 8-0.**

Alderman Cahoe stated he has been in contact with Alexander Equipment in Kankakee about a lift for the city. They have a refurbished lift the city can buy for \$23,000. This piece of equipment will have multiple uses within the city including taking down and putting up the banners for the chamber. This will be put on the agenda for next week.

Alderman Cahoe reported Dillion Carley from IPC reached out to him regarding the Alley between S 4th & S 5th Street that was going to get done last year but ran out of good weather. IPC is willing to do the project for the same cost of \$30,300.00

Mayor Allhands stated everyone had quotes from Freehill Asphalt for \$49,008 for school areas, 2nd St north and 5th North and South for \$71,915 and 3rd North and South for \$48,590.00. He wants this put on the agenda for next Tuesday.

Alderman Cahoe stated he has talked to IPC regarding 3 projects he would like to get done, West Side Fire Station, Maintenance Building and Peters Park and IPC stated they would take care of this for the city at no charge.

Alderman Cahoe makes a motion to adjourn at 7:46 pm and Alderman Barragree seconded. Roll call carried 8-0.

Brandon Barragree, Chairman