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**FINANCE, LEGAL & AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING  
MARCH 21, 2023  
6:30 PM**

**PRESENT:** Aldermen Marcier, Cahoe, Barragree, Garfield, Alderwoman Rohlfs and Musk

**ABSENT:** Alderman Miller and Mayor Allhands

**GUESTS:** Business Owner Whitey Davis, and Cy West and Jason Cahoe with the Watseka Family Festival

Alderman Marcier opened the meeting at 6:30 pm. During public comment Whitey Davis spoke regarding the businesses water bills. He stated he has been to 4 meetings in the last 6 months and nothing has been resolved. He stated with utilities going up and the city wanting to get new businesses in the high water bills might be keeping them from coming. He is asking the committee to lower the minimum rate to 2000 gallons instead of the current 4000 gallons per month.

**Alderman Cahoe makes a motion to recommend to the Council to accept the February Treasurers report and Alderman Barragree seconded. Roll call carried 6-0.**

Watsoka Family Festival committee members Cy West and Jason Cahoe spoke next asking for the city to allow them to have their street dance on July 1<sup>st</sup> at Kay Park. They thanked the city for their support over the years. They stated this street dance is a free event to give back to the community and they would like to have the band set up on the west end of the pavilion and since there is no alcohol allowed in the parks they are requesting to close Fleming Street and put the beer tent in the road. They stated they have not had any issues in the past and don't expect any now. They will have bounce houses, kick ball tournament, basketball activities and possibly the firemen water ball contest. They stated no alcohol will be allowed out of the tent and the Auxiliary and Police Officers will be in attendance. They will clean up afterwards and they will make sure that no one blocks the driveway of the residence that is there and make sure no one is in his yard. After some discussion the committee stated they are ok with having the event at Kay Park.

**Alderman Cahoe makes a motion to recommend to the council to transfer \$170,690 from video gaming 1-10-1048 into police pension 40-10-9000 and Alderman Barragree seconded. Roll call carried 6-0.**

**Alderman Cahoe makes a motion to recommend to the council to transfer \$169,120 from alcohol tax fund 1-10-1025 into police pension 40-10-9000 and Alderman Garfield seconded. Roll call carried 6-0.**

**Alderman Cahoe makes a motion to recommend to the council to transfer \$147,796 from the general fund 1-10-8000 into the street and alley fund 6-10-9000 and Alderwoman Musk seconded. Roll call carried 6-0.**

Alderman Marcier stated everyone has a copy of Fox Group's engagement letter. The fee has gone up \$4000 to \$49,000 for the fiscal year 2023-2024. **Alderman Marcier makes a motion to recommend to the Council to accept the engagement letter from Fox Group for \$49,000 for fiscal year 2023-2024 and Alderman Cahoe seconded. Roll call carried 6-0.**

Alderman Marcier stated Knights of Columbus is asking for a donation for the fireworks. It was stated last year the city gave \$7500. **Alderman Marcier makes a motion to recommend to the Council to donate \$7500 to the Knights of Columbus for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks and Alderwoman Musk seconded. Roll call carried 6-0.**

Alderman Marcier stated everyone has a copy of the letter from IEDA and they also are asking for a donation. After a short discussion and due to the fact there was no representation from IEDA at the meeting this will be tabled for now.

Alderman Marcier stated the non-union employees pay rates need to be done. **Alderman Marcier makes a motion to recommend to the Council to increase Building Inspector Eric Brandts rate from \$26.48 to \$27.80 per hour effective May 1<sup>st</sup> 2023 and Alderman Cahoe seconded. Roll call carried 5-1 with Alderwoman Musk voting no.**

**Alderman Garfield makes a motion to recommend to the council to increase Administrative Assistant Cathy Molck from \$27.17 to \$29.89 per hour effective May 1<sup>st</sup> 2023 and Alderman Barragree seconded. Roll call carried 5-1 with Alderwoman Musk voting no.**

Alderman Garfield asked about the other 2 non-union employees and Alderman Marcier stated those will be brought up next month at Public Safety.

Alderman Marcier makes a motion to adjourn at 7:07 pm and Alderman Barragree seconded. Roll call carried 6-0.

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Benny Marcier, Chairman