

MINUTES FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE

7:05 p.m.

December 1, 2009

Pursuant to Codified Ordinance Chapter 107 and ORC Section 121.22, notice of the following meeting was given on November 25, 2009.

Committee Members Present: Mrs. Manning, Mr. Black, Mr. Carr

Others Present: Council members Ranally, Harrold and Woodin; Finance Director Rogowski, Mayor Anderson, Service Director Tomaselli, Fire Chief Zwegat, Police Chief Straube, Parks and Recreation Director Katz, Chief Building and Zoning Inspector Smith, City Engineer Sayles, Lake County Gazette Reporter Borstnik, Clerk Radebaugh

2009 CAPITAL BUDGET

Finance Director Rogowski said that a decision was made earlier this year to delay discussion of capital items until the third or fourth quarter due to the economy and to make sure that there would be enough money to operate for the full year. He said that while the income tax numbers are down, we are doing well in other areas and recommends that the city move forward with capital for 2009. It has been approximately 18 months since significant projects and equipment purchases have been approved.

The available capital fund balance is \$1,466,497. Requests are: \$25,000 for Administrative Capital, \$40,000 for Computer Capital and \$1,163,500 for various department's requests.

Each director reviewed their capital requests as follows:

Police Department

Bullet Proof Vests – required by contract - \$10,000. Chief Straube said that usually the full \$10,000 is not used.

Tasers for part time officers - \$15,000

Six Police Cars - \$225,000 (includes 3 marked and 3 unmarked). Chief Straube said the 2009 deadline has passed but he may be able to get the 2010 Crown Victoria for the same price. This may not be the case with the unmarked cars.

Replace 3 Positron Workstations (911) - \$140,000. These are \$46,000 each, installed.

Fire Department

Rescue Squad - \$200,000. This will replace front line squad 1442. The new rescue squad will be purchased through the State Cooperative Purchasing Program.

Refurbish Aerial Truck - \$100,000 - Chief Zwegat said this truck was purchased for approximately \$550,000 and to replace it would cost over \$1,000,000. His goal is to extend the service life of the present truck for 12 or 13 years to get at least 25 years of service out of it.

SUV - \$30,000 – replaces a 2001 Crown Victoria. SUV will be purchased through the State Cooperative Purchasing Program.

Parks and Recreation

Euclid Ave. Tennis Court Repairs - \$17,500. This tennis court was resurfaced five years ago. Some repair work has been done on the cracks. Mr. Kartz said they are investigating using new technology to repair the cracks. The city’s eight courts would cost in excess of \$100,000 to resurface, therefore he tries to go ten years before resurfacing. Half of the courts are on city property and half are on school property, but there is an agreement that the city will maintain them.

Gilson Restrooms/Pavilion - \$160,000 – Mr. Katz said this has been on the Master Plan but we were waiting for Gilson Parkway to be finished. The restrooms will be identical to the ones at Daniels Park. The pavilion will be smaller than the one at Daniels.

Passenger Bus - \$66,000. The Senior Levy Fund will pay for a 22 passenger bus with a lift. The current bus is almost 16 years old.

Service Department

Tandem to replace 1998 Ford - \$130,000 – The 1998 Ford is now at the airport.

2 ½ ton dump truck - replaces a 1999 - \$110,000. The 1999 will be used as a chipper.

One ton 4 door pick-up to replace a 2000 Chevrolet truck. - \$26,000. The new truck will be used when multiple workers need to be transported to a job.

Salt Piler - less than \$25,000. Will be purchased out of the Street Construction and Repair Fund. Mr. Tomaselli said that we pay \$2.00/ton for piling salt and we use about 6,000 ton a year. We would realize a pay back from doing our own piling in two years.

Mr. Tomaselli said that the two trucks are on the Council agenda tonight because the price of these trucks will be increasing by \$7,000/\$8,000. He has been guaranteed that he can purchase the trucks at the price in the legislation.

Councilman Carr commented on the fact that most of the capital purchases would have been done in April of this year, but in doing them at the end of the year we have gone 18 months. He said we have a great opportunity going into 2010 using the same cycle and could possibly go into another year without capital. Mr. Rogowski commented that we will look at capital again in the fourth quarter of 2010.

Finance Committee adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

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Karen Manning, Chairman

Clerk of Council