

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Finance/Audit Committee

October 10, 2022

CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER:

Mrs. Cyphers called the meeting to order at 5:00PM

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT:

Mrs. Katherine Cyphers

Mr. Ernie Havens

Mr. T.J. Hoke

ALSO PRESENT:

Rob Schommer, City Manager

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mrs. Cyphers asked if anyone had comments or corrections to the minutes of the August 31, 2022, meeting. Hearing none, the minutes were declared to be approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

2023 budget process update and discussion: Mr. Schommer noted the budget process currently ongoing and the presentation will be brought to council this month. The current status and actuals on the budget shown in packet for the meeting.

Mr. Hoke asked what the age of the current ladder truck is and what the projected life of a new ladder truck is. Mr. Schommer stated the current truck is a 1995 and the projected life on a new ladder truck is fifteen years. He added the manufacturer of the current apparatus is no longer in existence, and it is hard to locate parts and upkeep the current ladder truck.

Mrs. Cyphers would like to see how frequently this ladder truck is used.

Mr. Hoke asks if a ladder truck was purchased, would it be possible to set up a fund for the future for when we need to replace this ladder truck. Putting funds away each year for the ladder fund. That way the funds are already started. Mr. Schommer states he isn't sure where the funding would come from, as there is no surplus of annual revenue to set aside.

Mr. Havens asks about EMS billing. Mr. Schommer stated the fees have been recently reviewed and are all within recommended ranges.

Mrs. Cyphers asks how ambulance fees are determined. Mr. Schommer stated the rates are based on schedules provided by the billing company, and based on medicare coding. He added the fees are billed to health insurance and collections are soft-billed.

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Mr. Hoke asks if there are any grants available. Mr. Schommer states yes, grants are available. One is the fire fighter's assistance grant which is currently being investigated.

Mr. Hoke asks if lease programs available for ladder trucks or equipment.

Mr. Schommer stated there are leases available as a form of financing.

Mr. Havens asks if we can grow the revenue side. Mr. Schommer states there are not any known opportunities to do so other than growing the base of the community and maintaining or increasing the demand of what we have.

Mr. Schommer discussed water rates for residents and non-residents, also, an increase to the trash collection fee contract price. The renewed contract has increases for the next five years.

Mrs. Cyphers asked about comparing actuals for 2022 and what period is it reported through. Mr. Schommer stated through October.

Mr. Hoke asks about page 5 statement of cash position: capital improvement fund with a negative balance. Mr. Schommer stated there were no transfers and adjustments done in 2022 to balance that fund out to eliminate the balance and incorporate into the general fund. The fund is not negative.

Mr. Havens asks if we currently have a drone. Mr. Schommer states that is an ask for the fire department in the 2023 CIP. It would be used for inspections of water towers, search and rescue, missing persons, rescue, fire combat containment and extinguishment, and many other potential uses.

Mr. Hoke asked about the downtown streetscape/infrastructure noting \$90,000 and \$65,000 asking if this is projected matching funds for grants we are going after. Mr. Schommer stated it is, and the City received the grant and funding thru OPWC & ARPA funding.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

Hearing no further business coming before the Committee, Mrs. Cyphers declared the meeting adjourned at 5:47 PM

Katherine Cyphers, Chair

Robert Schommer, Clerk of Council