

2/5/18 Finance Committee Meeting City Building

7 pm

Present: Phil Ryan, Mayor Mattone, Kathy Zembrodt, Pam Spoor, Cooper Ambjorn-Olsen, Jason Reser, Elisha Chamberlain, Chris Carle and Karl Oberjohn

1: Pam made a motion to approve the minutes from Dec meeting and Jason 2nd and all approved, Phil abstained since not present at that one.

2: Discussion started on the Vehicle Ord. Cooper asked it to be addressed by no action taken by council when decisions are made in the committee. Kathy said that recommendations from the committee go before council at a business meeting for decisions or votes. As for the Vehicle Ordinance, Kathy said that it was still being discussed how to collect monies in another way if we repeal the Vehicle Ord. After last council meeting it was asked about from Legal and Todd McMurry stated it was good to leave in place until a replacement would repeal it with something new.

It was stated that the ordinance was unenforceable and that could be repealed as of 6/30/18.

Discussed replacing the stream of income so it is more easily enforced.

Franchise fees for lines going through the city were talked about as a way for additional income. Elisha talked about how it is done and collected. Kathy has a call into Cara at Duke to discuss this. Mayor said possibly she can present at a business or caucus meeting.

There was a consensus to look at the ad valorem tax as a way.

Pam made a motion to replace the vehicle fee with the ad valorem tax. State will give city a range to consider.

All agreed to investigate the franchise fee also to see what it would mean for additional revenue to the city.

Mayor talked about the costs of pensions and radios and wants a small committee to meet with Mr. Baker to determine where we can get more revenue. He mentioned needing 200,000 more for upcoming needs.

Elisha mentioned that isn't not about taxes collected, it's how to have and pay for services.

Discussed Rental application/ license fees, an application would give city control to inspect to report or have PDS or Code enforcement or Fire inspections to keep properties in better condition. Jason said PDS can inspect per annum or as needed or reported by our code enforcement or fire and to keep a better control of property conditions and values.

3: Mayor asked that we look at collecting taxes "on line" for Julie, Capital is putting in new software this week and will have city clerk look into. In the past it was investigated and found to be expensive, but possibly with newer software it can be done easier and costs passed on to customer. Cooper made a motion that the city go to on line tax collection.

4: Audit for 17 comments were that separation of duties be done. That was voted on to have Mayor and chief of police to sign checks and not the city clerk since she does the books. Bonding has been obtained, just need the proper form signed and taken care of. This need to be done ASAP.

5: Mayor said We should look at cutting expenses and increasing income. Mr. Baker is getting with the Dept heads on the budget to work on this years numbers.

6: It was discussed that the old ordinance for the Dept reserves needs to be repealed and funds moved to General Reserves. These were set up as a designated account for savings for capital needs.

Adjourned 8:30pm