

Minutes of Finance Committee Meeting

2/15/21

7:00pm

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Present: Pamela Spoor, chair

Joe Shields, Co chair

Kathy Zembrodt

Greg Johnson

Kevin Downes

Gary Huff

Observing: Sarah Froelich

**Agenda Items**

1. **Summary of our current financial position** – Kathy Zembrodt –  
General Fund Balance as of 1/30/21 - \$1,189,923  
General Fund Reserve Balance as of 1/31/21 - \$601,350  
Good audit, strong fiscal position
2. **Discussion of Payroll Tax Amendment** – Section 111.04(B) of Park Hills code of Ordinances  
A discussion was had of lifting/eliminating the current \$50,000 cap on the imposition of payroll tax. If the cap were to be raised, it was proposed that it be raised to the current FICA limit of \$142,800. Sister cities ordinances were considered: All the cities in the county have payroll taxes – 4 with a cap including Park Hills and 12 with no cap.  
DECISION: Recommend to council to leave the tax at the current rate and remove the cap.
3. **Discussion of Correction of Section 110A.(B)(1)(2)** of Park Hills code of Ordinances

An error in the codification of Park Hills code omitted an ordinance passed in 2013 which stated the correct tax rate for our gross receipts tax. The county has been collecting the correct rate but our codification did not show the correct ordinance. A correction is being made. We are also inquiring with the county as to the disposition of Section 110A.(B)(1) which appears to be null. If this is the case we will amend and correct the ordinance.

**4. Discussion of Capital Improvement Plan**

Balance in Capital Improvement Fund is \$61,018.

Focus will be on getting a new truck for public works. If possible, we will try to fund \$75,000 into the plan this year for future capital needs.

5. **Discussion of increase in the salary for the Mayor.** We have no city manager. The mayor puts in about 35 hours a week to do the job well. The increase will apply to next NOT CURRENT mayor. To attract quality candidates and people who do a good job, it is necessary to provide some compensation for their time.

DECISION: Consider raising mayoral salary to between \$7200 and \$10,000.

The mayor recommended also increasing council salary to 2,500.

**6. Discussion of Application of CARES funds**

City received \$218,000 in CARES funds. City is considering how to deploy the monies: EMS, police, fire, staff, meeting space. No final decisions have been made. Mayor is investigating options.

NEXT MEETING: March 29, 2021 at 7:00pm

Meeting Adjourned at 8:10pm