

## Minutes of Finance Committee

June 20, 2016, 6:00 PM

City Council Chambers

Attending meeting were Mayor Tom Smith, Aldermen Clyde Heller, Vicki Koerber, Rita Trantham, Stan Darter, Gerald Frederick, Russ Thomas, Steve Notheisen Budget Officer Shawn Kennedy and Director of Public Works Tim Birk.

Meeting called to order by Chairman Clyde Heller.

Agenda Item 1, Petitions by Citizens on non-agenda items. Liz Mudd and Lissa Chilton presented information to the committee on the upcoming defunding of Violence Prevention Center. This information presented to County Commissioners today, and later this evening to the City of Columbia. Purpose was to inform cities of the loss of services provided for over 14 years with the lack of State funds, and if local funding could be a possibility.

Agenda Item 2, Approval of March 21, 2016 Finance Committee Meeting Minutes. Minutes reviewed, motion to approve made by Alderman Darter, second by Alderwoman Koerber, approved 5-0.

Agenda Item 3, REJIS. Alderman Darter provided the committee with detailed study done with REJIS and selected city employees involved with Information Technology within the City. All members were provided a read-ahead copy of Information Technology Needs Assessment for the City of Waterloo. After discussion, Alderwoman Rita Trantham motioned to amend the current REJIS Contract with the Police Department to include Information Technology of the remaining needs of the City of Waterloo. A Second made by Alderman Stan Darter, vote of 5-0 approved to move this to City Council Agenda for action.

Agenda Item 4. Welcome Center Assessment. Alderman Heller presented information from recent Welcome Center Meeting requesting an operational assessment of 15 cents per person. Past payments to the operational expenses of the Welcome Center have been made, however doubt was expressed as to the effectiveness of the Welcome Center for tourism. After discussion, a call for motion to approve assessment, no motion put to the floor for action. Agenda item dies without action.

Agenda Item 5. Monroe County Economic Development Corporation. Mayor Smith announced today's decision of the Monroe County Commissioners to select M. Edith Koch as the Economic Development Administrator for the Monroe County II, Economic Development Corporation. With this announcement, Mayor Smith proposed to the committee that the City determine the level of involvement we may want to endorse. Motion to invest at the Builder Level (\$10000) made by Alderman Russ Thomas, seconded by Alderman Stan Darter, vote 5-0 to submit to the City Council for action.

Agenda Item 6, Miscellaneous. A letter submitted by New Life Church, 502 Front Street requesting waiver of building fees to construct a pavilion. While this is normally done for church and school requests, this item was approved by voice vote of 5-0.

Alderman Steve Notheisen brought forth the suggestion to conduct a mid-decade census. After discussion, committee suggested a short term employment of Gina Wetzler to assess our city population change since the current census of 2010, and based on her findings, a determination would be made to request a census or not request a census.

Motion made by Alderwoman Koerber to adjourn, second by Alderman Darter, meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm.

Submitted by Clyde Heller