

## Finance Committee Minutes

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April 19, 2021

Members present: Daniels, Schaber, Meade

With a quorum present, Daniels called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

### **Minutes**

Meade made a motion to approve minutes of 04/05/2021; Schaber 2nd; Roll Call: Ayes – Daniels, Schaber, Meade; Nays – none.

**04/05/2021 MINUTES APPROVED (3-0)**

### **Old Business:**

### **New Business**

#### **Item 1. tempRES2021-10: RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUND (ARPA) (Chaffin)**

Service Director Chaffin indicated she has been working with Deputy Auditor Watts. Guidance from state is that we need to set up a fund for the American Rescue Plan Act funds.

Meade made a motion to recommend to Council; Schaber 2nd; Roll Call: Ayes – Daniels, Schaber, Meade; Nays – none.

**tempRES 2021-10 Recommended to Council (3-0)**

#### **Item 2. tempORD2021-34: ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH SOUTHEASTERN EQUIPMENT FOR THE PURCHASE OF (1) SKID STEER LOADER FOR THE STREETS DEPARTMENT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (Kurz)**

Scott Kurz (Service-Sanitation Supervisor) stated that they needed a new Case skid steer loader because of age and maintenance issues (hydraulic pump going out) with current machine. It is used on a daily basis for a variety of tasks. This money has been budgeted for in capital money in the Streets Department. They have demo'd a couple of machines and chose this one. They are looking to add a grader attachment to help with repair and maintenance work on alleys (chip and seal). The purchase price is \$72,566. This is a track machine. There is some urgency to order to lock in price.

Meade made a motion to recommend to Council; Schaber 2nd; Roll Call: Ayes – Daniels, Schaber, Meade; Nays – none.

**tempORD 2021-34 Recommended to Council (3-0)**

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**Item 3. tempORD2021-35: ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNATED DIRECTOR TO MAKE APPLICATION(S), ACCEPT AND THEREAFTER ADMINISTER SAID MONIES PROVIDED AND AVAILABLE TO THE CITY OF MARION TO ADDRESS THE PANDEMIC RELATED TO COVID 19 UNDER THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. (Chaffin)**

Service Director Chaffin explained that this is like the CARES Act 1, 2, and 3. This is a preemptive piece of legislation to allow them to do what they need to do to receive ARPA funds. They would come back to council for spec and bids once the money is received.

Mr. Schaber indicated that he had some concerns after the last round, only that they did not have a handle on what it was spent on.

Chaffin said that this money is supposed to have less restrictions. This is the first step before you can even receive any funding. No money spent until it comes back before council for their approval.

Mrs. Fosnaugh was concerned that this gives the Mayor and his designee free rein on what they do with the money. She believes that Council should have more say on how it is spent. The Mayor said that this process allows the administrative branch to do their job. He is always open to suggestions, and everything comes through council to actual spend the money. It is possible that they may get half the money this year and half the money the next year. He cautions against spending on personnel. These types of funds are well suited to long term capital improvements. She said when they requested reports last year, they were not detailed enough. She requested that they have the ability to tell what the money is spent on.

At this point they do not know when the expense would need to be encumbered by. He thinks up to 2024. The amount may be around \$7 million. But they really do not know because no guidance has come from the feds/state.

It is the executive branch of government's duty and responsibility to do this. They also have experience with similar funding methodology.

Mr. Schaber wondered if they would have more information on what they can spend the funds on, how much, and when the funds would be dispersed.

Meade made a motion to recommend to Council; Daniels 2nd; Roll Call: Ayes – Daniels, Meade; Nays – Schaber

**tempORD 2021-35 Recommended to Council (2-1)**

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Item 4. tempORD2021-37: ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO DISPOSE OF VEHICLES PREVIOUSLY UTILIZED BY VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS, AND DECLARING THEY ARE NO LONGER NECESSARY FOR ANY PUBLIC PURPOSE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (Chaffin)

Service Director Chaffin announced that a public auction of excess, unused items will be held on June 26<sup>th</sup> at the Airport. This ordinance specifies vehicles that will be disposed of.

Meade made a motion to recommend to Council; Schaber 2nd; Roll Call: Ayes – Daniels, Schaber, Meade; Nays – none.

**tempORD 2021-37 Recommended to Council (3-0)**

Item 5. Monthly Reports from Auditor  
Budget Report  
Credit Card Report

Deputy Auditor Watts explained that these are the standard monthly report. He was available for questions.

Other Matters

Adjourn

With no other business, Daniels adjourned the meeting at 7:09 PM.

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Chairman Daniels

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