

MINUTES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE
MEETING OF THE CITY OF HERRIN
ILLINOIS HELD IN THE COUNCIL
CHAMBERS AT CITY HALL ON MONDAY,
NOVEMBER 13, 2017 AT 5:00 PM

Alderman York called the meeting to order. Those in attendance on behalf of the City were Mayor Steve Frattini, Alderman Sheila Ahlgren, Alderman Paul York, Alderman Randy Crompton, Alderman David Shoemake, Alderman Marilyn Ruppel, Alderman Scott Kinley, Alderman Bill Sizemore, Alderman Steve Miller, Treasurer Carl Goodwin, Budget Director Carrie Cravens, Fire Chief Shawn Priddy, Police Chief Quinn Laird, Deputy Police Chief Jimmie Loyd, Attorney John Brewster (5:10) and City Clerk Shelly Huggins.

Audit - Brent from Randall Youngblood CPA office went over highlights in the audit. General Fund expenses went down some due to no vehicle purchases. The General Fund ended in the black. Library spend about \$5,000 more than made, however that is usually where they are. Civic Center made approximately \$20,000 more than previous year. Police and Fire pension money comes from the City. Sewer had an increase of revenue due to full year of rate increase. Expenses were within \$6,000 of year before. Sewer fund is about \$450,000 over expenses. However there are loan obligations that have to come from there. Actually has \$100,000 excess. Water expenses went down some. Revenue went down due to old bad debt that had accumulated for 12 years. He would like to see a policy put in place and bad debt wrote off yearly. General Fund \$6,000,000 pay package last year went up \$600,000 this year. Need to look into this.

Clerical Contract - will be discussed in Thursday's meeting.

Johnson Controls - Chris Downs from Johnson Controls gave an update regarding AMI. They have pulled approximately 200 meters to check to see how they are working. Spent countless hours without staff. Savings they will guarantee are \$167,005. Four scenarios were given. Scenario 1 is the one that they have stated that they can stand by. Replace 3,600 meters, new Badger ME endpoints, complete leak detection audit and Tyler Billing System conversion to CUSI. This is 2,368,266 which would guarantee \$167,005 savings first year. Project pays for itself in 14 years with no additional fees. Scenario 2 adds CE endpoints for additional .50 per month. Scenario 3 & 4 are the nicest of plans, which would be costly. Financing best offer was BMO Harris Bank at 2.66% for 14 year semiannual payment, tax free municipal lease. Mr. Downs fielded questions. Will discuss further at Thursday's meeting.

Next meeting will be Thursday, November 16 at 10 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.