

MINUTES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE  
MEETING OF THE CITY OF HERRIN  
ILLINOIS HELD IN THE COUNCIL  
CHAMBERS AT CITY HALL ON MONDAY,  
NOVEMBER 20, 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, Deputy Police Chief Jimmie Loyd and City Clerk Shelly Huggins.

Clerical contract - Brief recap, we have said no raises. \$300.00 clothing allowance rather than t-shirts. Have countered with 25 cents longevity. Another alternative to look at is a cost of living adjustment. Arbitration would start at \$10,000. Alderman Kinley stated that we would be further ahead to do the cost of living raise than to pay mediation and arbitration. Alderman Shoemake will not go for the raise if we raise tax levy. Alderman Crompton is in favor of the 30 cents we put in the budget. Alderman Ruppel agrees with Alderman Shoemake. A percentage raise doesn't seem fair as it creates more gap between employees that is what the longevity is for. Alderman Sizemore stated he would suggest cost of living. For this contract CLA is the same as 30 cents per hour. Going back in to negotiations with no raise being offered. The consensus is that if we raise tax levy, there will be no raise. Alderman Miller stated that he will not vote for tax levy, more cuts need to be made. We may need to cut personnel and raise other fees.

Johnson Controls AMI Proposal - The project will end up costing the City \$50,000 or so per year. They have told us that are meters aren't in as bad of shape as they once thought and the benefit for the City is not as great as once proposed. These dollars could be recovered in the savings we see. There is money in the water fund to cover this. This fund doesn't have anything to do with the tax levy. Mayor recommends we enter into this agreement with Johnson controls. Alderman Miller stated that he believes what we were sold and what we get is two different things. Alderman Ruppel is concerned as well. Alderman Shoemake is concerned with the city costs. He wishes to hear from Attorney Brewster first as well. We all were sold the Cadillac plan for \$380,000 savings. Now it's only a \$160,000 savings and not as many options. Attorney Brewster has a proposed agreement for review. Once reviewed, committee will meet again once receiving the proposed agreement.

Meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.