

MINUTES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE
MEETING OF THE CITY OF HERRIN
ILLINOIS HELD IN THE COUNCIL
CHAMBERS AT CITY HALL ON MONDAY,
DECEMBER 4, 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 Scott Kinley, Alderman Bill Sizemore, Alderman Steve Miller, Treasurer Carl Goodwin, Budget Director Carrie Cravens, Fire Chief Shawn Priddy and City Clerk Shelly Huggins.

Clerical & Public Works Contracts - Mayor understands that there is reluctance to negotiate any wages with the increases in taxes and fees. Only 1 clerical and 23 public works are funded from general fund, which is where the money issues are. A 30 cent raise per person was in the budget and already levied for. Mayor would like to see us authorize so he and Alderman Sizemore can make offer to bargaining units of 30 cents per hour per employee. Alderman Kinley believes this would be the way to go as it would save attorney fees if mediated/arbitrated. Alderman Crompton believes that we have suggested we were okay with 30 cents per hour. We've told them and Alderman Miller believes we budgeted for it so we should give it. They will offer 30 cents per hour.

Tax Levy - Carl stated that he proposes a 10% increase in tax levy. 54.33 annually for house assessed at 100,000 or 4.53 per month and doesn't include exemptions. Along with this recommendation He proposed an increase in the local gas tax. Increase from 2 cents per gallon to 4 cents per gallon. These increases will still cause us to be approximately \$40,000 short just to cover pensions. Also could add additional fee on water bill that would go into general fund. Suggestions have been made from \$2 to \$7 per month. Alderman Sizemore suggest \$4 per meter bill. Alderman Miller is concerned that we are having to do this every year and are not looking ahead. Looks like we are putting a band-aid on it. After much discussion, it will be proposed to raise the tax levy 4.85%, add \$4 to water meter bill(to be marked for general fund) and raise gas tax 2 cents per gallon.

Meeting adjourned at 6:16 p.m.