



Finance Committee

November 27, 2018
6:15 p.m.

Civic Center
West Committee Room

Roll Call:

Alderpersons Wattawa, Feirer, Damon

1. Call to Order
2. Minute Approval
 - October 16, 2018 - [Finance Minutes 10-16-2018](#)
3. Discussion and Action Items:
 - Request from Lance Pesdan re: Sewer Adjustment - [Pez Sewer Adjustment](#)
 - Request from Urime Hasani re: Recycling Fee Refund - [Hasani Refund Request](#)
4. Correspondence:
5. Adjourn

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NOTE: There is a potential that a quorum of the Common Council may be present.

MINUTES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD OCTOBER 16, 2018

Present: Aldermen Wattawa, Feirer, Damon

Also Present: City Administrator Johnsrud, City Clerk/Treasurer Uecker, City Engineer Dejewski, Public Health Administrator Scott, Fire Chief Poplar, Police Chief Hunter, Library Director Krahn, Alderwoman Schandel, Alderman Brickner, interested citizens

Chairman Wattawa called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m.

Moved by Alderman Feirer, seconded by Alderman Damon to place on file the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held October 2, 2018. Motion carried.

2019 City of St Francis Budget:

We have received more information regarding State Transportation Aids – they decreased over \$77,000 or about 3.3%. Part of the decrease is due to the City's lack of doing road projects, and it has an effect on the formula for transportation aids. Parking Permit fees were added back in along with an increase to fine revenue because of the parking permits. City Administrator Johnsrud is recommending annual permits be sold for a reduced price of \$75 which would allow staff/police officer time to be less on parking permits. Discussion was held on having a non-resident parking permit fee.

Chairman Wattawa questioned the increase to the Library Fund. City Administrator Johnsrud stated that he made no changes to the budget as submitted by the Library Board. The increase in the levy accounts for the increase in net new construction, which comes out to approximately \$4,877.

Alderwoman Schandel questioned wages charged to the TID's. She questioned if the City were financing wages as we have had to borrow for the TID's. City Administrator Johnsrud explained how wages get expensed to the TIF's – in the past it was done by an audit entry, but since he has been here, wages are expensed monthly based on a percentage established during the budgeting process.

2019 City of St. Francis Capital Budget:

The Committee received both the 5 Year Capital Budget as well as the 2019 Capital Budget. City Administrator Johnsrud reviewed the 5 Year Capital Budget with the Committee members by Department. He then reviewed the 2019 Capital Budget. He explained that the Capital Levy is \$261,594 and some of the items listed in the Capital Budget will be purchased from Capital Reserves.

Moved by ,Alderman Feirer, seconded by Alderman Damon to recommend to the Common Council to approve the Budget and to hold the Public Hearing for the 2019 City of St. Francis Budget on November 27, 2018. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Feirer, seconded by Alderman Damon to adjourn. Motion carried.

Time: 6:21 p.m.

Anne Uecker

From: LANCE PEZ <lpez1@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 30, 2018 1:06 PM
To: Anne Uecker
Subject: 3652 S Kansas St Francis Sewer bill

Hello,

My name is Lance Pesdan and I am the property owner at 3652 S Kansas. The account number is 37502283. I recently received a very high water and sewer bill (5X times the normal). I did call the water company and they did send someone out to look at the meter at that time. The person did come out but after the new lateral was installed. (I had the lead lateral replaced) When the city ran their meter tests they did say things looked ok then. This lead me to believe that the lateral was part of the issue. I then called the water company to have my water bill adjusted but they refused since they said the meter tested out when they sent a representative. I found out that they did replace my water meter as well which I questioned, and the customer service rep could not give me a good answer why they replaced it. I tried to speak with the Customer service supervisor but got nowhere.

I'm now asking for your help from the sewer side since this bill is also 5X my normal bill and I'm now being asked to pay a lot of money for the sewer bill in addition to the water. The good news is that after the lateral replacement my water bill for this quarter seems to be back to normal. Any help you can provide here to adjust my sewer bill would be greatly appreciated. Please feel free to give me a call if you have any questions

Thanks

Lance Pesdan

414-333-0347

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Anne Uecker

From: Urime Hasani <urime.hasani@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, November 5, 2018 5:52 PM
To: Anne Uecker
Subject: 3037 E. Cudahy Ave., St. Francis
Attachments: Ryan Wilson.docx; thumbnail.jpg

Hello Ms. Uecker:

For over 15 years, my husband and I own 3037 E. Cudahy Ave., St Francis (Tax Key: 591-0405-000).

This property has always been a 3-family and upon inspecting the tax bill, we were not aware of the breakdown that there is a recycling fee of \$70.00 per unit and we have been paying \$280.00 per each tax bill (paying as a 4-unit).

I contacted Ryan Wilson from the assessor's department and he informed me via email that the above mentioned property is listed as a 3 family. If it were a 4-family, it would be classified as "Commercial" but it classified as "Residential", which corresponds with it being a 3 family.

Today I spoke with Melinda Dejewski and she informed me that we have been paying this additional cart fee (extra \$70.00) because when she reported to Waste Management the number of units, she used the records from the city assessment which she is saying must have been 4. So 4 units were reported and it has always been a 3 unit building.

I do not know or understand where the error occurred but I am requesting that the tax bill be adjusted to a \$210.00 recycling fee based on the fact that it is a 3 family.

Also, I would like to put in a request to the finance committee to reimburse us for the past 3 years of paying the additional \$70.00 cart fee (total of \$210.00) as we did not make the error with the City and we do not understand when and if ever it was listed as a 4 family.

I have attached for your review the email from Ryan and the picture of the property listed as a 3 Family.

If you should require any additional information from us, please contact me at (414) 736-2565.
Thank you for your attention regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Rushan Sinani
Urime Hasani

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