

**MINUTES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD
FEBRUARY 6, 2018**

Present: Alderpersons McSweeney, Schandel and Tutaj

Also Present: City Administrator Johnsrud, City Clerk/Treasurer Uecker, City Engineer Dejewski, Alderman Brickner

Chairman McSweeney called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Moved by Alderwoman Schandel, seconded by Alderman Tutaj to place on file the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held December 5, 2017. Motion carried.

2924 East Armour Avenue – Account #37409-48-3:

Mr. David Zagrodnick has requested a reduction in his sewer bill for the 4th billing quarter from 20 CFF to 11 CFF. He stated that the increase in usage was due to watering his lawn. In 2016, the Finance Committee adjusted his sewer usage due to Milwaukee Water Works using estimated readings. At that time, the Finance Committee did indicate that it would be a one-time adjustment.

Moved by Alderwoman Schandel, seconded by Alderman Tutaj to deny Mr. Zagrodnick's request to reduce his sewer bill from 20 CFF to 11 CFF. Motion carried.

3217 East Waterford Avenue – Account #37412-65-3:

Mr. Steve Dimoff has requested a reduction in his sewer bill in the amount of \$146.42. Mr. Dimoff stated that the increase in his water consumption was due to watering his lawn. He feels that the City should use the winter quarter reading from Milwaukee Water Works as was done when the bills were done annually, instead of the actual usage which is the current practice by the City.

City Administrator Johnsrud stated that with both of the requests for reductions, the Committee should look into leaks – not if the actual usage is correct but went for watering lawn, filling swimming pools, etc. When the City switched to quarterly billing, the decision was to base the billing on actual usage. The potential for the City to have to increase rates to in effect cover costs because of using a fixed consumption or refunding for watering lawn is high.

Moved by Alderwoman Schandel, seconded by Alderman Tutaj to deny Mr. Dimoff's request to reduce his sewer bill by \$146.42. Motion carried.

1572 East Bolivar Avenue – Account #37405-15-3:

Mark Sloan, the owner of the referenced property has requested the Finance Committee to reduce his sewer bill because he is claiming there was a leak in the main water line going into the building. He stated that per Milwaukee Water Works, the leak was going back as far as 2000. Mr. Sloan purchased the property from the City in 2014. City Engineer Dejewski stated that she was unaware that there was any type of water leak related to that property. Mr. Sloan did have the leak repaired and since the repair his consumption has decreased significantly. It was also noted that Mr. Sloan had tenants in the building that had a potential to use larger amounts of water and when the last meter reading was done by Milwaukee Water Works, the building didn't have tenants.

Moved by Alderwoman Schandel, seconded by Alderman Tutaj to request that Mr. Sloan provide documentation that a leak was repaired, that the bill be paid in full, and that copies of the required permits for the repairs are also submitted (Milwaukee Water Works and City of St. Francis permits) before the Finance Committee will give consideration to his request. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Tutaj, seconded by Alderman McSweeney to adjourn. Motion carried.

Time: 6:19 p.m.