



## MINUTES OF AN OFFICIAL MEETING:

Regular / Special Meeting: Finance Committee

Date and Time: Tuesday, October 5, 2021 at 7:00 pm

Location: City Hall, 2000 N Calhoun Rd, North Conference Room

Members Present: Alderman Scott Berg, Alderman Mike Hallquist, Alderman Mike Jurken, Alderman Jerry Mellone, Alderman Bob Reddin, Alderman Dave Christianson (via phone) and Alderman Kathryn Wilson

Members Excused: None

Others Present: Director of Finance and Administration Robert Scott, Director of Human Resources James Zwerlein, Fire Chief David Mason, Assistant Fire Chief Brian Gerner and Alderman Chris Blackburn

### 1. Roll Call

Alderman Scott Berg noted a quorum was present and called the Finance Committee meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

### 2. Announcements

The next regularly scheduled Finance Committee meeting is Tuesday, October 19, 2021. Special Finance Committee meetings to review the proposed 2022 budget are scheduled for Thursday, October 14, 2021 and Wednesday, October 20, 2021, both at 6:30 pm.

### 3. Minutes of the September 21, 2021 regular Finance Committee meeting.

***Motion by Alderman Mike Jurken, second by Alderman Jerry Mellone to approve the minutes of the September 21, 2021 regular Finance Committee meeting. Motion carried 7-0.***

### 4. Unfinished Business

a) None.

### 5. New Business

a) Vouchers exceeding \$50,000 requiring immediate action.

***Motion by Alderman Mike Hallquist, second by Alderman Mike Jurken to approve vouchers exceeding \$50,000 requiring immediate action. Motion carried 7-0.***

b) Resolution approving FEMA grant (Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response – SAFER) for hiring additional firefighters for period 2022-24 (referred from Human Resources and Public Safety Committee).

Director Scott summarized the updated staff report relative to the SAFER grant (copy available for review in the Finance department offices), including the memo distributed for the September 21 Committee meeting; memo from Fire Chief Mason summarizing the grant application and rationale for applying; fire and EMS calls for service history for 2018-20; City resident and daytime population history; and activity measures for the Fire department excerpted from the annual budget documents dating to 1998.

**Motion by Alderman Kathryn Wilson, second by Alderman Mike Hallquist to accept the grant from FEMA and recommend same to the Common Council. Discussion then ensued among the Committee, including questions of staff present regarding issues such as growth in call volume, overtime savings resulting from the additional positions funded by the grant, true impact on citizen service levels, and other items. A vote was then taken on the motion, which carried 5-2, with Aldermen Dave Christianson and Bob Reddin dissenting.**

6. Adjournment

***Motion by Alderman Kathryn Wilson, second by Alderman Bob Reddin to adjourn the meeting at 7:29 pm.  
Motion carried 7-0.***

Respectfully Submitted:

Robert Scott

Director of Finance and Administration