

Finance Committee Meeting

City Of Virden

City Council Chambers

Thursday July 27, 2023

Meeting called to order by Alderman Mottershaw at 7:00 pm.

Aldermen in attendance: Bertolino, Boster, Calloway, Cunningham, Ibberson, Mitchell, Mottershaw and Neighbors.

Additional in attendance were: Mayor George Murphy

Topics:

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Mottershaw seconded by Boster to approve the 5-25-2023 Finance Committee Meeting Minutes.

Discussion: These were approved in the June meeting, but the wrong date was listed on the agenda and within the motion.

Motion passed with all in favor.

Motion made by Mottershaw seconded by Ibberson to approve the 6-22-2023 Finance Committee Meeting Minutes.

Discussion: None

Motion passed with all in favor.

2. June 2023 Treasurer's Report

Barry Liss was unable to attend this meeting. He did not have anything major to report. He is going to move \$6,000 under streets that needs to be moved to Safe Routes to school. It was recommended to take it to the council for approval. All committee members agreed.

3. Discuss bank accounts at Prairie State Bank & Trust

Don Craven recommended for the city not to be involved in bank policy of not cashing checks unless the person cashing the check has an account. The Mayor did talk with the bank to understand why they had the policy. The bank's policy is in place in case the check gets into the wrong hands it can't be cashed by the wrong person. The bank states the policy has been in effect for 15 years. The other two banks in town will allow the person to cash a check drawn on it with an ID. It was recommended to change banks but after further discussion it was decided the city would not want to change all the accounts. The city should not get involved in informing the bank to cash the check or not. It is the bank's responsibility to determine if the check should be cashed. It was recommended to speak at the next finance committee to have all new employees have a direct deposit and all current employees the opportunity to switch to direct deposit.

Executive Session

1. None

Additional Items:

Kendall Cole invoice: There are three spots in town where water drainage leaving town goes through a ditch on a farm. About two years ago it was recommended by Benton and Associates to purchase an easement for the ditch on Kendall Cole's land to maintain that ditch and not just pay him directly for work that he says he does. That agreement has been drawn up, but nothing has been implemented yet. In

the meantime, Kendall had already done work on that ditch and the previous council agreed to pay for half of it with an invoice. Kendall's wife got sick, and he did not have time to draw up an invoice until recently. \$1,242.31 for limestone, \$1,300.00 track hoe/skid steerer to shape bank for a total of \$2542.31. The committee agrees to bring to council to pay half of the invoice to Kendall Cole. It will also be brought to Admin meeting to draft a policy that the city will not pay for any work that is done on drainage ditches unless the landowner brings it to council first, has at least two bids for the work that needs done, and approved by council.

Motion made by Mitchell seconded by Calloway to adjourn at 7:34 pm. Motion passed with all in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:34 pm.



Shelly Boster
City Clerk

Date Minutes Approved: _____