

City of Monroe
Finance and Taxation Committee Minutes
October 18, 2016

A. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Chairperson Stangel called the meeting to order. Present at roll call were Alderpersons Stangel, Koch, and Bauman. Youth in Government Member Nick Bauman was present along with Alders Marsh, Beer, and Miller. Mayor Armstrong, Interim Fire Chief Heins, City Administrator Rath, other city staff and Bridget Cooke from The Monroe Times were also present. Alder Boyce and Youth in Government member Lillian Edwards were absent.

B. CORRECTION OF MINUTES

None

C. BUSINESS: OPEN

1. ENGINE 5 REFURB PROPOSAL

Interim Fire Chief Heins explained that part of the bonding included \$250,000.00 for a possible refurbishment to Engine 5. Pierce Manufacturing has come down and evaluated the truck. The quote came back at \$400,000.00. Interim Fire Chief Heins said it is not fiscally responsible to spend \$400,000.00 to try and extend the life of the vehicle for another 10-15 years when a new truck is about \$600,000.00. He asked that we no longer consider the refurbishment to Engine 5. Discussion took place. He was unsure if the money that was bonded for could go into a vehicle replacement account for future use. City Administrator Rath has to look into this and see. More discussion took place. The committee decided to take this into consideration and to see what is found out about the money and go from there.

At this point the committee moved to item 3 as Administrator Rath was not quite ready for item 2.

2. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT 2017 ANNUAL BUDGET

City Administrator Rath explained he had sent out the preliminary budget to committee members and he showed the workbook on the screen for everyone to see what the preliminary budget is looking like and to go over any areas of question. He said if the tax is left the same we would be \$196,556.00 under revenue for last year and our expenditure would be up by \$225,000.00. He explained where some of the larger changes were coming from. Questions and discussion took place. Alder Bauman asked about the increase in Airport Professional Services. City Administrator Rath explained and discussion took place. The committee asked about the line item for another voting machine. City Clerk Stamm explained and discussion took place. Questions about equipment came up and City Administrator Rath explained. Alder Stangel said we need

to look at value and need when looking at the budget. City Administrator Rath said that the contingency item has a balance currently and could that be reduced. He said money is being saved in trash now and that amount could go towards the landfill costs. Discussion took place. Other line items were looked at and talked about. The committee will meet again on Thursday. City Administrator Rath encouraged any Alders to call him with questions or to contact the Director of that department.

3. POSSIBLE FARE INCREASES FOR SHARED-RIDE TAXI SERVICE

City Clerk Stamm explained that we are still under contract but the contract requires a CPI increase each year. This year the increase is 1.1%. The City is also losing some of the money that has been given by the Federal and State governments. There has not been a fare increase since 2008. City Clerk Stamm proposed a fare increase of \$0.25 for each type. This would make the adult fare \$3.25, the elderly and disabled fare \$2.25 and the student fare \$2.50. The late night fare would stay the same at \$5.00. This still keeps us on the low side when compared to other cities but would help with the deficit due to funding cuts. City Clerk Stamm said the City would have to make up only about \$600.50 if rates were increased to this amount. Questions and discussion took place. City Clerk Stamm said a decision did not have to be reach tonight but that a number would be needed for budget purposes tonight and that the amount could change later but would then affect the budget. Discussion took place. The committee agreed to go forward using the \$0.25 increase for budget purposes.

The committee went back to item 2.

D. BUSINESS BY MEMBERS

None

E. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made by Alder Bauman. The motion was seconded by Alder Koch. On voice vote, the motion carried by Youth in Government members and then by the Finance and Taxation Committee official members.

Nicole M. Cummings, Deputy Clerk