

City of Monroe
Finance and Taxation Committee Minutes
October 25, 2016

A. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Chairperson Stangel called the meeting to order. Present at roll call were Alderpersons Stangel, Bauman, and Koch and Youth in Government member Lillian Edwards. Also present were other staff and alderpersons, Cara Carper of the Chamber of Commerce, and Bridget Cooke of the Monroe Times. Alt. Alderperson Boyce and Youth in Government member Nick Baumann were absent.

B. CORRECTION OF MINUTES

None

C. BUSINESS: OPEN

1. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT 2017 ANNUAL BUDGET

Admin. Rath arrived at the meeting. Chairperson Stangel explained. Questions and discussion took place.

Cara Carper from the Chamber of Commerce explained her request for an extra \$5,000. Carper commented that the request is due to the 8th Street Reconstruction Project. Her goal is to help businesses that are impacted during the project. She is planning to help the businesses with signage, bring in market experts to help them, and do live facebook feeds on the progress. Questions and discussion took place. Chair Stangel questioned if the Chamber members should be helping her with the cost of this. Cara agreed that it is a possibility. More discussion ensued. Admin. Rath clarified with Cara that there is no cost for the facebook live feed. Again, more questions and discussion took place. Chair Stangel suggested putting \$2500 in the Community Development budget for this and the bills could then be sent to the city to possibly pay for. Cara commented that the cost is mostly for her time, which is a soft cost. DPW Gerber explained that some signs will be covered by the city through the 8th Street contract. Again, questions and discussion took place. Rath clarified with Cara that the cost is for general administrative (staff) expense and she agreed that it is. Stangel proposed to not include the \$5,000 in the budget and Koch and Bauman agreed.

Ast. Admin. Martin Shanks then explained some of the projects that he had requested money for in the budget. He first went over the Buxton proposal, which is to help recruit retailers and restaurants. Buxton is able to obtain information from the major credit card companies. If this isn't done, the city will continue as is. Alder Bauman suggested doing this through GCDC or at a county-wide level. Questions and discussion took place. Rath suggested just postponing this item and to look at it again for the next budget. Shanks then explained the proposed SWWRPC services for a boundary

agreement and said the Plan Commission liked the idea and asked for it to be placed in the budget. Alder Marsh questioned if the re-zoning should be done first and suggested postponing this until after that is done. Alder Bauman said that the city shouldn't foot the whole bill for this and suggested it be done on a county wide basis. Questions and discussion took place. The committee generally agreed to postpone this.

Discussion on adding hours or another part-time person for the Senior Center reception desk took place. Questions and discussion ensued. The committee agreed to budget for this as two 20 hour positions at an additional cost of \$17,784.

Rath explained that with all the things talked about before and with the addition of the Senior Center staff, the new tax levy will be \$6,909,461 for a rate of \$10.53 per thousand.

Motion made by Alderperson Bauman and seconded by Alderperson Koch to move the proposed budget on to Council. On voice vote, the motion carried by the Youth in Government members and then by the Finance and Taxation Committee official members.

D. BUSINESS BY MEMBERS

None

E. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by Alderperson Koch and seconded by Alderperson Stangel . On voice vote, the motion carried by the Youth in Government members and then by the Finance and Taxation Committee official members.

Carol J. Stamm
City Clerk/Director of General Government