

Finance & Human Resources Committee
Open Session Minutes
May 4th, 2023

Members Present: Chairman Amanda Koren, Councilman Cecil Davis

Absent: Councilman Trudy Dils

Staff Present: John Doyle, Amber Box, Michele Brown

Guests: None

Media: Darrell Maurina, Pulaski County Daily News

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order 5:03 p.m. Quorum was established.

Election of Committee Chair: Councilman Davis nominated Councilman Koren as the Committee Chairman. Councilman Koren declined the nomination. Councilman Koren nominated Councilman Davis to remain Committee Chairman. Councilman Davis declined the nomination. With no other committee members present, the committee decided to flip a coin with the loser accepting their nomination. The current Chairman, Councilman Davis called heads and won the coin toss, resulting in Councilman Koren's selection as the committee chairman.

Citizen Comments: None

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Councilman Davis to accept the April 2023 minutes as written. Motion was seconded by Councilman Koren. A vote was called.

YEAS – Koren, Davis

NAYS – None

Motion Passed

Review Bills: Committee reviewed the bills. Motion was made by Councilman Davis to approve paying the bills. Motion was seconded by Councilman Koren. A vote was called.

YEAS – Koren, Davis

NAYS – None

Motion Passed

Cash Flow – Account Status/EOY Budget Review- Committee reviewed the city's cash flow reports, bank account status, and year to date budget. The city has completed 33.3% of the 2023 Fiscal Year with expenses ending at 38% and revenues at 34%. City bank accounts have a total of \$6,315,570.35 in restricted funds, reserve funds, and usable monies.

Westgate Community Improvement District Update- Committee reviewed the CID sales tax collection summary. Mr. Doyle stated that McDonald's is slated for a massive renovation that will affect the 2023 totals while it's out of operation.

ARPA Projects: Monthly Update – Mr. Doyle stated that the new Small Business Enhancement Program has received several applications and all \$30,000 has been granted. Businesses awarded include Piney River Tap Room, Odyssey Scuba, Haute Dawgs, Jul LLC (Parabellum), and We Can Development, LLC. We've also spent money on new office chairs for the police department. The next projects will be the Animal Shelter renovation and the upgrades at the Leaf & Limb Dump.

Marijuana Tax – Mr. Doyle stated the city does not currently have a marijuana dispensary and will not benefit from this tax at this time. The discussion involved how much to place on the ballot, when to run it on the ballot and whether to earmark the funds for a specific purpose. If approved by the City Council, ballot language must be filed no later than May 30th, 2023. Councilman Davis stated that emergency services are the major departments that will be affected by the legalization. After discussion, it was decided that emergency services are the most likely place the tax funds will be used, but not to officially earmark it so it can be used for other projects or needs in the future, if necessary. Councilman Koren made a motion to forward an ordinance establishing ballot language to collect a marijuana tax of 3% on the August 2023 ballot to City Council for final approval. Motion was seconded by Councilman Davis. A vote was called.

YEAS – Koren, Davis

NAYS – None

Motion Passed.

Subdivision Improvement Program – Mr. Doyle stated that the SIP has been temporarily closed to allow the current projects to be completed. Currently, a developer has requested to re-open the SIP to accommodate a 15–20-unit subdivision. Mr. Doyle stated he has evaluated the commitment and recommends opening the SIP to allow an agreement to be established for this subdivision. The Roads & Grounds Committee have submitted this to the City Council for final approval.

Other Business:

City Hall Closed: City Hall will be closed on Monday, May 29th, 2023, in observance of Memorial Day.

Mid-Year Budget Adjustments will begin in July 2023.

Mr. Doyle stated a need for closed session in accordance with RSMo 610.21 (1)(2). Councilman Davis moved to go into closed session for that purpose and was seconded by Councilman Koren. A vote was called.

YEAS – Koren, Davis

NAYS – None

Motion Passed & committee entered closed session at 5:31 p.m.

Committee returned to open session at 5:52 p.m.

Committee adjourned at 5:52 p.m.

Next meeting will be held on June 1st, 2023, at 5:00pm