

Finance & Human Resources Committee
Open Session Minutes
August 16th, 2022

Members Present: Chairman Cecil Davis, Councilman Ed Conley, Councilman Amanda Koren

Staff Present: John Doyle, Amber Box, Miriam Jones, Tracey York

Media: Darrell Marina, Pulaski County Daily News; R.D. Hohenfeldt, Phelps County Focus

Guests: Keith Pritchard, Mayor Pro-Tem Sean Wilson

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order 5:00 p.m. Quorum was established.

Citizen Comments: None

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Councilman Conley to accept the July 14th, 2022 minutes as written. Motion was seconded by Councilman Davis. A vote was called.

YEAS – Conley, Davis

NAYS – None

Motion Passed

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

YEAS – Conley, Davis

NAYS – None

Motion Passed

Councilman Koren arrived at 5:04 p.m.

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 58.3% of the 2022 Fiscal Year with expenses ending at 66% and revenues at 57%. City bank accounts have a total of \$5,339,869.70 in restricted funds, reserve funds, and usable monies.

Community Improvement District – Committee reviewed the CID Sales Tax Collection Summary Report. Pursuant to Section 67.1471.4 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri, as amended, the Westgate Community Improvement District Annual Report for FY Ended December 31, 2021 was provided by Gilmore & Bell, P.C. The city is required to make this report a part of it's official records and cause it "to be spread upon the records of the city".

Mid-Year Adjustments – Mr. Doyle stated that the budget amendments that were approved by City Council in July 2022 are not reflected in this month's budget numbers. The reason is that the ordinance has not been signed by Mayor Brown. The budget should reflect the amendments in the September 2022 updates when the ordinance becomes effective without signature, 30 days after it's approved.

Ad Valorem Property Tax Rate - Committee discussed the upcoming Public Hearing Setting Ad Valorem Tax Rate that will be held immediately preceding City Council on August 18th, 2022. An ordinance will be presented for approval at City Council after the Public Hearing.

Other Business:

Censure of Mayor Update – Chairman Davis stated that to date, the mayor has not provided the committee with an action plan as required. Articles of Impeachment have been drafted and

received by the Finance Committee members. The city attorney is preparing a Resolution to move the process forward. Mr. Doyle stated that several day to day issues have arisen from the Mayor's decision to not sign documents. Some examples include the ordinance approved in July regarding the collection of trash deposits from commercial customers, unsigned cemetery deeds that cannot be filed with the county, and an ordinance to amend the budget. Mr. Doyle stated that the City Clerk, Michele Brown has reached out to Mayor Brown on multiple occasions, requesting him to come to City Hall to sign. Committee has asked to have Ms. Brown bring the ordinance to Mayor Brown during the council meeting

Mr. Doyle stated a need for closed session in accordance with RSMo 610.21 (3)(13). Councilman Koren moved to go into closed session for that purpose and was seconded by Councilman Conley. A vote was called.

YEAS – Conley, Davis, Koren

NAYS – None

Motion Passed & committee enter into closed session at 5:25 p.m.

Committee returned to open session at 5:50 p.m.

Committee adjourned a 5:50 p.m.

Next meeting will be held on September 8th, 2022 at 5:00pm