

**City of Belleville
Finance Committee
Minutes
March 13, 2017
Fire House #4 1125 South Illinois Street**

In Attendance

(A) Finance Committee Members

**Joe Hazel, Alderman
Jane Pusa, Alderman
Kent Randle, Alderman
Phil Silsby, Alderman
Trent Galetti, Alderman
Jim Musgrove, Alderman
Andrew Gaa, Alderman**

(B) Guests

**Michael Hagberg
Jack Abbott, IPMG
Roger Wigginton, Alderman Ward 8
Brad Kreisler, Warma, Witter & Kreisler
Amber Brown, Warma, Witter & Kreisler
Phil Elmore, Alderman Ward 7
Scott Tyler, Alderman Ward 3
Scott Ferguson
Mike Koziatek, Belleville News Democrat**

(C) Staff

**Jamie Maitret, Finance Director
Mayor Eckert, Mayor
Dean Hardt, City Treasurer
Dallas Cook, City Clerk
Chief Clay, Police Chief
Tom Pour, Fire Chief
Teresa Araiza, Police Department
Tim Gregowicz, City Engineer
Leander Spearman, Director Belleville Public Library
Annis McCaskill, Director of Economic Development & Planning
Randy Smith, Assistant WWTP Director
Sherry Favre, Interim Director Human Resources
Jason Poole, Interim Public Works Director
Bob Sabo, Housing Director
Ken Vaughn, Building Supervisor**

Chairman Silsby called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Alderman Ovian was excused.

Evacuation procedures were explained. In case of severe weather everyone should exit through the back door and go to the interior hallway.

Chairman Silsby opened public participation. No one wished to speak. Public participation was closed.

Chairman Silsby asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the February 13, 2017 Meeting.

Motion

Alderman Pusa made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 13, 2017 Meeting. Alderman Galetti seconded. All attending members voted yes. The motion passed.

Approval of Medical & Life Insurance Renewals and Prescription Plan Change

The Finance Director reviewed the renewal information and asked the committee to approve the following recommendations. IPMG will remain our third party administrator, with their recommendation for Ethos for the stop loss and aggregate carrier. Standard Life for life insurance, with rate locked in for 2 years, and implementing LDI's suggested Comprehensive Medication Exclusion List. Discussion followed.

Motion

Alderman Hazel made a motion to approve insurance renewals as follows: IPMG as third party administrator, with their recommendations for stop loss and aggregate carriers, Standard Life for life insurance, with rate locked in for 2 years, and implementing LDI's suggested Comprehensive Medication Exclusion List. Alderman Randle seconded. Roll call vote was taken. Alderman Hazel, Pusa, Randle, Gaa, Galetti, Musgrove and Silsby all voted yes. Mayor Eckert also voted yes. The motion passed.

FY 2017-2018 Budget Review & Discussion

The Finance Director discussed the budget. In the General Fund she stated that revenues were down from last year mainly due to the City receiving less income tax and utility tax. We are in the red because there were 27 pays last year and back pay rolled into this year when the contracts were settled. No additional positions were budgeted, however, when people retire they will be replaced. She answered questions about having a surplus or money in reserve. The general rule is to have funds to cover expenses for a minimum of 45 days. Discussion followed concerning receiving sales tax from on line businesses.

Sewer Operation and Maintenance

The sewer fund has a deficit next year mainly due to the tremendous increase in utility expenses and a large increase in the cost of chemicals for treatment. Also the revenue won't catch up to expenses for awhile because of the new debt. Discussion followed.

TIF Funds

TIF #1, TIF #2 and TIF #4 were dissolved in December. A list of all capital improvements for each TIF is in the packet. TIF #3 expenses include City Hall renovations and the North Illinois Streetscape match for the state grant. Discussion about TIF #10 rebates followed.

No motion was made at this time.

If anyone has any questions please call the Finance Office.

A Public Hearing will be held before the Finance Meeting on April 10, 2017.

Budget Amendments

The Finance Director explained the amendments and asked the committee to approve them.

Motion

Alderman Galetti made a motion to approve the budget amendments as recommended by the Finance Director. Alderman Hazel seconded. Roll call vote was taken. Alderman Hazel, Pusa, Randle, Gaa, Galetti, Musgrove and Silsby all voted yes. Mayor Eckert also voted yes. The motion passed.

Revenue Sources

Receive and File.

Motion

Alderman Galetti made a motion to receive and file the revenue sources. Alderman Pusa seconded. All attending members voted yes. The motion passed.

Alderman Galetti made a motion to adjourn at 7:42pm. Alderman Randle seconded. All attending members voted yes. The motion passed.