

City of Rock Falls

Finance Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: 08/24/2021


Time Meeting Started: 5:30 a.m.

Time Meeting Ended: 7:10 p.m.

Members	Also Attended
Chairwoman McKanna	P Administrator Blackert
Alderman Wangelin	P Mayor Kleckler
Alderman Doane	P Alderman Babel
Alderwoman Devers	P Police Chief Pilgrim
X-Attended A-Absent	

Ordinance/Topic	Discussion	Plan of Action
Call to Order	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Chairwoman McKanna 	
Public Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None 	
Approve Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Committee reviewed minutes of the July 27, 2021. Finance Committee minutes. Chairwoman McKanna moved to approve the July 27, 2021, second by Alderman Wangelin, motion carried. 	Minutes Approved
New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Geoff Smith from Willett Hofmann & Associates presented the committee with the breakdown of the increased expenses on Dixon Avenue. Mr. Smith covered the reasons including expanding the project into the 1st Avenue intersection as required by IDOT. Committee also raised questions regarding the STU funding and why there had not been clearer understanding of the additional funds that would be needed to complete the project. Administrator Blackert presented options for the approximately \$400K that would be needed in addition to the \$540K originally budgeted for the City's share of the project. Committee decided on two plans. Chairwoman McKanna moved to approve Plan A which would require the City to borrow the necessary additional funding from the Electric Utility at a rate of 1% interest and Plan B which would use Non-Home Rule sales tax funds if the City receives the grant funding for the 3rd Avenue project, second by Alderman Wangelin, motion carried without objection. B. Police Chief Pilgrim presented a Memorandum of Agreement between the City and the FOP which would allow the City to offer signing bonus between \$2,000 and \$5,000 to laterally hired officers from other departments. Alderman Wangelin moved to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Rock Falls and the Illinois FOP Labor Council and forward to City Council for approval, second by Alderman Doane, motion carried without objection. C. Police Chief Pilgrim presented a proposal for placement of video cameras in the downtown area. Administrator Blackert stated that this is only financially possible because the Electric Utility would be providing fiber and labor for the project. 	<p>A. No action at this time.</p> <p>B. Forward to City Council for approval</p> <p>C. Forward to City Council for approval</p>

	<p>Committee reviewed proposal and Chairman McKanna moved to approve the purchasing of cameras and equipment not to exceed \$15,000 and forward to the City Council for approval, second by Alderman Doane, motion carried without objection.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • D. Administrator Blackert presented the committee with 3 quotes for pre-owned vehicles that would be used as the Wastewater Superintendent's vehicle. A motion was made by Chairman McKanna to approve the purchase of a pre-owned vehicle not to exceed \$32,000 and forward to the City Council for approval, second by Alderman Wangelin, motion carried without objection. • E. Administrator Blackert presented an agreement with Lexipol for city-wide online policy manual management. Administrator Blackert stated that the attorneys think that the annual fee is reasonable and this is becoming a critical issue with quickly changing state and federal laws. Chairwoman McKanna moved to approve the agreement between the City of Rock Falls and Lexipol of 2611 Internet Boulevard, Suite 100, Frisco, Texas 75034 for annual Local Government Administration Policy Manual Online Services and forward to City Council for approval, second by Alderman Doane, motion carried without objection. 	<p>D. Forward to City Council for approval.</p> <p>E. Forward to City Council for approval.</p>
Old Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ A. Committee reviewed options presented for a potential Reimbursement Policy for Elected Officials. After a lengthy discussion, Chairman McKanna moved to proposal following reimbursement policy PENDING approval by the City Attorney: ✓ Alderman get \$50 stipend per year for travel expenses to and from meetings ✓ \$125 a month stipend for mayoral/liquor commissioner travel expenses, separate from salaries ✓ Cap for travel a month \$175 ✓ Cap for travel a month \$200 ✓ Finance committee must approve all reimbursements by roll call vote ✓ Finance committee must have supporting documentation of all reimbursements to approve (receipts) ✓ Any travel expenses submitted for reimbursement by the city may not be claimed as any other type of reimbursement or tax deduction elsewhere ✓ Only travel outside of the city limits can be reimbursed ✓ Pre-approve travel, no reimbursement without preapproval <p>Second, by Alderman Wangelin, motion carried without objection.</p>	<p>No action at this time, pending legal counsel's opinion.</p>
Committee Member Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	
Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alderman Wangelin moved to adjourn at 7:20 p.m., second by Alderman Doane, motion carried. 	<p>Adjourned at 7:10 p.m.</p>


 Chairwoman McKanna