

## **Finance Committee**

**January 23, 2022**

**6:00pm - City Hall Council Chambers**

Chairman Ptak Called the Meeting to order at 6:01pm

### **ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Chairman Ptak, Aldermen Thompson, Lavieri, Jeppson, Herndon

**Absent:** NONE

**Others Present:** Finance Director John Duncan, Deputy Clerk Brent Bader, Alderman Bacidore, Alderman Reynolds, Alderman Jordon Crane, Econ. Dev. Director Curt Bedei, City Engineer Brian Brown, Director of Public Works Patrick Watson, Fire Chief Jerry Janick, City Treasurer Virginia Kochanowski

A quorum was present.

Moved by Alderman Thompson and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to approve and place on file the minutes of the Finance Committee for January 9, 2022.

Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

No question or comments with bills or reports.

Chairman Ptak informed the committee and Alderman Jepsson, who was unable to attend the Waterworks meeting, that majority were in favor of this plan and asked for authorization for Brad Reese, Finance Director John Duncan, along with oversight of the City Attorney, to draft a contract to begin negotiations with the Veolia company. Chairman Ptak gave Alderman Jeppson a quick summary of the what was discussed last Waterworks meeting. He mentioned how the city would have four separate contracts with each WaterTower. The city would look to do a 10-year contract with the company. When maintaining the inside of each tank, the company would be cleaning interior and blasting the inside also. Civic tower was just done for approx. \$880,000.00. This was a high price due to the lead paint. The company would be prorating their expenses for each tower over a ten-year period. Chairman Ptak mentioned how the city would be paying a certain amount each year on every water tower, depending on how much maintenance would much would be needed to be done. He also feels that the city and residents should notice a difference in water quality. The company will do annual inspections on each tower and all work is done in house. They have their own engineers. Chairman Ptak is for this program and the city has the appropriate funding for this to happen.

City Engineer Brain Brown added two things in addition to Chairman Ptak's summary. He stated how Patrick Watson has been dealing with this company for the past year

with the Civic tower and Brown believes this company to be a top-notch company. Brown also stated how the other two companies that the city would have to deal with in regards to maintenance would be Maquire Steel and Dixon Engineering. Maquire uses subcontractors and does not keep the work in house. Dixon engineered the overcoat for Civic and went beyond what they should have with the expensive paint, along with more inspections than necessary. Brown mentioned how if the city agrees to such a program, they would not have to worry about going out to bond every time the city paints a tower, along with having to hiring an engineer for the inspections. This company, Veolia, meets all the EPA regulations. Brown believes this program could potentially be a \$50,000-\$75,000 a year in savings for the city.

Alderman Herndon believes the committee was given a great presentation in regards to this program.

Alderman Lavieri also agrees that the presenter was very matter of fact and did not push the committee in favor of this program.

Alderman Thompson stated that the selling point of this program for him was the locked in percentage for as long as the city wanted to keep the program going.

Chairman Ptak reminded the committee that each tower would be locked into its own individual contract, in case they every wanted to drop a contract for any tower, at any point.

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and Seconded by Alderman Herndon to recommend Finance Director John Duncan, Mayor Jeff Grove, Brad Reese, along with oversight of the City Attorney, to draft a contract and begin negotiations for the city's WaterTower maintenance program.

## **ROLL CALL**

**AYE:** Chairman Ptak, Alderman Thompson, Lavieri, Jeppson, Herndon

**NAY:** None **Absent:** NONE **Abstain:** None

## **MOTION CARRIED: 5-0**

There were no more questions or comments from the public.

Moved by Alderman Thompson and seconded by Alderman Jeppson to adjourn the meeting.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Chairman Ptak adjourned the meeting at 6:06p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Amy Quinn". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Amy" and last name "Quinn" clearly distinguishable.

Amy Quinn, City Clerk