London City Council

Personnel, Budget and Finance Committee - Meeting Minutes

20 S. Walnut Street, London, Ohio 43140

June 5, 2023 at 6:00pm

Call to Order by Councilman Stahl at 6:00pm

Roll Call – Present –Chair Councilman Peters, Councilman Stahl, Councilman Eades

City Officials/guests in attendance: Sue Mosier – Treasurer, Rex Castle – Safety Service Director, Kris Miller – Council Clerk, Tommy Boyd, Michael Norman, Brent McDaniels

Minutes – Approval of May 8, 2023 minutes, approved by 3 voice votes with corrections from Councilman Eades

Auditor's Update - none

Old business:

- HDRC – Councilman Eades, Law Director is on vacation to review language in legislation

New business:

- BPU Spending limit increase – Mr. Castle explained to the committee that several years ago Council passed legislation capping BPU spending at $25,000 needing Council approval. With costs rising, this cap needs to be increased to $50,000 to avoid returning to Council for approving more often. This is money already budgeted. Expenses over $50,000 will already go to Council for approval to put out for bid. Other city departments have a $50,000 spending cap.
    - Motion to send to Council by Councilman Stahl, 2nd Councilman Peters. Passed 3-0 by voice vote. Sponsored by Councilman Peters
- Gas Aggregate – Aspen Energy, Jay Sell
- Mr. Castle explained how Council approved an electric aggregate in 2021. We were approached by Jay Sell with Aspen Energy about doing the same for gas.
    - See attached documents presented to the committee by Jay Sell.
    - If this passes in November we will help with Public Hearings, PUCO will take 30-60 days to approve
    - Then we'll do an RFP and search for the best pricing, we'll take it back to Council who can have a say on pricing, term, pricing structure, and if you approve then letters will go out to the community. They'll have 21 days to opt out. If they want to opt out after 21 days, they can do so. No penalties to opt out
    - 8–9-month process

- Can opt out at the end of an aggregate term. Individuals can opt without cost, but the city should complete a contract.
- Aspen Energy is a "consultant/broker", not a supplier
- Mr. Sell will present to Council at the 7/6/2023 meeting
- First reading will be at the 6/15/2023 Council meeting
- Motion to send to Council Councilman Stahl, 2nd Councilman Peters. Passed 3-0 by voice vote. Sponsored by Councilman Eades, with emergency clause

Department heads update:

Auditor: Kenna Combs – not present, Mr. Castle provided audit warrants on behalf of Kenna Combs. They received a bill that does not match the PO. The bill is dated 12/7/2022, however, the requisition wasn't submitted until 1/1/2023. Requesting approval to pay the bill.

- Motion to take to Council by Councilman Peters, 2nd Councilman Stahl. Passed 3-0 by voice vote. Sponsored by Councilman Peters

Treasurer: Sue Mosier – nothing to report

Taxation: Amy Marsh – not present, Mr. Castle provided report.

- May: up for both General and Fire
- General: $38,126.80, +11.3%
- Fire: $34,779.26, +18.33%
- YTD General: $5753.70, -2.3%
- YTD Fire: $1,279.51, -.11%

Police Department: Chief Nicols – not present

Fire/EMS Department: Chief Eades – not present

Next meeting 7/10/2023 at 6:00pm

Adjourn at 6:30pm

Approved 7/11