Finance Committee

Meeting minutes 3/6/23 @ 1800

Call to Order by Chair Councilman Peters at 1758

Roll Call – Present – Councilman Eades, Chair Councilman Peters, Councilman Stahl, Council President Comer

City Officials/guests in attendance: Kenna Combs – Auditor, Sue Mosier – Treasurer, Pat Closser – Mayor, Rex Castle – Safety Service Director, Amy Marsh – Tax Director, Kris Miller – Council Clerk, Hunter Holton – Andy Warnock and Westwood Collective

Minutes – Approval last meeting minutes, Motion by Councilman Stahl, 2nd Councilman Peters

- Motion passed 3-0

Auditor – February books are closed

- February Revenue $ 1,357,076.66
- February Expense $ 1,179,595.69
- YTD Revenue $ 4,189,468.84
- YTD Expense $ 3,982,199.84
- No concerns at this time
- $376,850.79, 10% Capital Improvements, 90% General fund

Old business: nothing

New business:

- *Abatement*
  - 3 abatements for the improvement of properties
    - 22 S Main St.
    - 106-114 S Main St.
    - 116-122 S Main St.
  - Mayor introduced Hunter Holten, with Andy Warnock and Westwood Collective, are interested in purchasing 22 S. Main St., 106 - 114 S Main St., and 116-122 S. Main St. properties.
  - All 3 abatements on the improvements. Lock in current value for 15 years.
  - Mayor Closser spoke with Dr. Kramer from London City Schools. Dr. Kramer feels there are no issues if abatements are approved.
  - Motion to take to London City Council for further review – Sponsored by Councilman Eades and Council President Comer
    - Councilman Eades, 2nd Councilman Stahl
    - Motion passed 3-0
  - Emergency reading requested – closing on property 4/15/2023
- *Local Government Fund – Restore Funding*
  - Ohio Municipal League – help lobby the state to restore the Local Government Fund

- Last 4 years, loss of $620,000
- Resolution to ask the state to restore Local Government Fund – Sponsored by Councilman Peters
- Motion to forward to London City Council
  - Councilman Peters, 2nd Councilman Eades
  - Motion passed 3-0
- Emergency reading requested – Mayor Closser would like to submit support to Ohio Municipal League on legislation as soon as possible and not wait for 30 day claus

- *Parks/Rec*:
  - Landon came to the Public Service Committee meeting with proposal to redo end field and bases at Merimac and Park Ave softball fields.
    - 2" deep to remove all weeds and recut bases, $70,641 for 3 parks
    - Funding will be distributed 50% from Parks & Playground fund, 50% from General Fund, does not qualify to use Capital Improvements fund
    - Possibility to charge fees for usage of fields
    - Motion to send to London City Council – Sponsored by Councilman Peters
    - Councilman Stahl, 2nd Councilman Peters
    - Motion passed 3-0
- *Street Department*:
  - 2006 1 Ton Plow & Salt truck totaled in accident
  - Requesting to replace the 1 Ton Plow & Salt truck
  - Replacement cost: $140,000, 450 or 550 with a plow and salt spreader
  - Truck needs to be specific size to get into small alleys and parks
  - Kenna – Recommendation increase appropriation in Street Department budget plus insurance money
  - Councilman Eades asked if they can purchase a used vehicle cheaper? Bill has researched used vehicle, but most are high mileage and diesel brings more problems. Buckeye Ford had a used truck around $70,000 without a plow and salt spreader, which is another $10,000 to add.
  - Motion to forward to London City Council – Sponsored by Peters
    - Councilman Peters, 2nd Councilman Stahl
    - Motion passed 3-0
    - Emergency reading request – not many new trucks and need to replace quickly
    - Councilman Eades – question about Tax department funds $376,000, $37,600 went to Capital Improvement Fund. Balance of $338,400. What purpose does it do if it's in the Capital Improvement Fund. Used toward unexpected items and road projects.

epartment heads update:

reasurer: Sue Mosier- nothing to report

axation: Amy Marsh

- February – brought in $383,732.29. Up 10.52% for the month

- Fire - $187,511.13 up 9.54% for the month
- General – up 2.89% for the year
- Fire – up 2.95% for the year

Fire/EMS Department: Chief Eades

- 50 parttime personnel
- Lost 26 to fulltime positions in 2022, 24 parttime are still active
- Lost 5 fulltime employees in 2022, recruited by larger departments
- Pay rate increased in 2022, but wasn't implemented until January 2023
- Department policy is max of 10 employees to staff vehicles, with a minimum of 9 employees
- Out of 365 days last year, 95 days we were fully staffed
- Actively recruiting for parttime Fire Fighters
- Down 1 fulltime position, and 1 fulltime personnel on military deployment
- Council President Comer asked questions about overtime fatigue. Chief Eades explained the process they have in place to work with employees who working many hours in a row
- Councilman Eades asked if the union contract enforces fulltime employees to work overtime first before parttime. Chief Eades stated no, as long as parttime doesn't out number fulltime employees staffing. Councilman Eades asked if the department was fully staffed. Chief Eades answered they are down 2 fulltime employees. However, one is currently on military duty deployed, but should be back in March. Councilman Eades asked how overtime this year is matching last years overtime. Chief Eades didn't have an answer and deferred to Kenna. Kenna states they are just over the percentage they want to be, but I believe it's the payouts in from January and not a result of you. Councilman Eades made a statement about increasing parttime pay will help cut down on overtime. Chief Eades agrees.
- Council President Comer asked about partnerships with local fire schools. Currently developing fliers to send to Tolles Technical School, Delaware Co. JVS , Ohio Fire Academy, Sinclair College, and Clark State College.

Police Department: Chief Nicol

- Need council approval to trade old vehicles for newer unmarked vehicle
- Attorney General (AG) Threat Assessment Grant of $1900 received for threat assessments at schools to purchase a couple of vests for School Resource Officers (SRO)
- Motion to send to London City Council for trading in old vehicles for newer unmarked vehicles and utilize AG Grant for extra vest for SRO and Flock cameras – Sponsored by Council President Comer and Councilman Eades
    - Councilman Eades, 2nd Councilman Peter
    - Motion passed 3-0
    - Emergency reading for both the vehicles and vest for SRO

Street Department: Mayor Closser for Bill

- Project next door is moving fast
- Grant is replacing sidewalks, but not for the curbs. This is not working, Street Department is saw cutting the curb, but the curbs are crumbling and sections broken
- Need funds to fix or replace broken curbs on Walnut Street

- Mayor Closser to obtain a quote on replacing the curbs 730 feet
- Amendment to not exceed $50,000, once is received update amount
- Motion to approve amendment – Sponsored by Councilman Eades
    - Councilman Eades, 2nd Councilman Stahl
    - Motion passed 3-0
    - Emergency reading – timing with current demo of sidewalks

Next meeting 4/10/2023 at 6:00pm

Adjourn at 7:14pm

Minutes approved 4/10/23
Kyle Miller - Council Clerk