

Finance and Insurance Committee
June 8, 2015 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 pm by Chairperson Minarcin. Members present were councilmen Ruse, Wagner and Minarcin. Others in attendance were, City Administrator Scott, Chief Goss, and Finance Director Freeman.

Mr. Wagner made a motion to approve the meeting agenda, seconded by Dr. Ruse and passed unanimously.

Discussion regarding renewing the 3.5 mill levy followed. The Finance & Insurance Committee recommends that the 3.5 mill levy for operations and capital improvements be placed on the ballot in November 2015 as a renewal levy. Ordinance 2015-09 will be placed on Council's agenda beginning June 8 for approval by full council.

Finance & Insurance also discussed and recommends that the Special Assessment for street lighting be renewed for 2016 with no increase in the amount raised. Ordinance 2015-21 will appear on Council's agenda for approval starting June 8.

The 2016 Estimate of Revenue which had been emailed to committee members in May was reviewed. Estimated revenues and the debt service for 2016 are a procedural requirement due to the Wood County Budget Commission by July 20th of each year. It was noted that the current estimate does not include any funds generated by the 3.5 mill levy, which won't appear on the ballot until November. Ordinance 2015-23 will be placed on Council's agenda for approval.

The Committee continues to evaluate funding mechanisms to support the roadway improvements identified for the next 5 years. There are in excess of \$14 million in roadway improvements identified, and the City has a borrowing limit of roughly \$8 million. Additionally sources to pay the debt service on any borrowing needs to be identified as the current budget wouldn't support the additional payments.

Chief Goss proposed a \$5,000 donation to the Wood County Sheriff in support of the Strategic Response Team (SRT). Sgt. Marek of the Rossford Police Department serves on the SRT, and the team has been called to assist in Rossford 4 times in recent years. Presently 2 of the participating municipalities are considering donations to support the Sheriff in providing this service, Bowling Green State University and the City of Rossford. A motion was made to recommend to Council that the City donate \$5,000 to the Wood County SRT program from the Law Enforcement Trust Fund (fund 215) utilizing confiscated monies from drug arrests and amending the 2015 budget. The motion was unanimously approved, and ordinance to this effect will be brought to Council at the June 22 meeting.

Kent Murphree, partner at Heban, Sommer and Murphree, is working updating Chapter 141 of the Rossford Municipal Code (Ordinance 1909) dealing with employment provisions for non-bargaining staff. His initial draft has been distributed to the Committee. The Committee requested Finance Director Freeman work with Mr. Murphree with a focus on bringing Chapter 141 more in line with bargained agreements within the City.

A motion to adjourn made by Councilman Ruse was seconded by Councilman Wagner and approved by a 3-0 vote. The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm.