

**Finance & Insurance Committee
Minutes July 27, 2015 Meeting**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Chairperson/Recorder Joe Minarcin, Jr. In attendance were: Councilman Ruse, Councilman Wagner and Councilman Minarcin, Finance Director Freeman and City Administrator Scott

Discussion:

Ordinance 2015–30, Hillside Assessments –

The revised assessments were presented to the Committee, Councilman Ruse had several additional questions about how project costs are being allocated. City Administrator Scott will follow up with Mannik and Smith and update the Committee at their next meeting.

Ordinance 2015–31

An ordinance to the county auditor an assessment and lien upon certain properties for nuisance abatement costs the City has incurred. The Finance & Insurance Committee recommends that council approve this ordinance.

Ordinance 2015–32

A duplicate of Ordinance 2015-31 without an emergency clause. It will be recommended by the Finance & Insurance committee that council that they vote down this ordinance.

Ordinance 2015–34

An ordinance approving the purchase of sodium chloride, rock salt for the 2015 winter season. The price for rock salt negotiated by ODOT with Detroit Salt is very favorable coming in at \$49.29 per ton. The Finance & Insurance Committee recommends that council approve this ordinance.

Ordinance 2015–35

An ordinance authorizing the award of the annual financial audit contract to Plattenburg & Associates, Inc., for the fiscal years 2015 through 2019. This ordinance is an agreement between the Auditor of State's office, the City of Rossford, and Plattenburg & Associates the Finance & Insurance committee recommends that council approve this Ordinance.

Non Bargaining Employee policies – Attorney Kent Murphree has met with Mr. Scott and Ms. Freeman and continues to work on this project.

The City of Rossford income tax ordinance needs to be revised and updated because of recent changes in Ohio law. The changes must be in place by the end of December. Kevin Heban, Esq. will be working with Ms. Freeman on this project. The changes do not impact the income tax rate and do not need to be voted on by the electorate.

Finance Director Freeman reported that development of the 2016 Expense Budget will begin in August with Department Heads submitting operating budgets in line with 2015 expense levels and indicating new projects that may require funding. These will be reviewed by Mr. Scott and Ms. Freeman and then a draft budget brought to the Finance and Insurance Committee for comment in September.

Open discussion

Minarcin requested that RITA be contacted for updated information regarding the number of residents who work in and pay income taxes to other municipalities.

Motion to adjourn made by Councilman Wagner and seconded by Councilman Ruse, motion to adjourn was 3 – 0. Meeting adjourned at 6:45 PM

Chairman/Recorder

Councilman Joe Minarcin, Jr.