

**Finance & Insurance Committee
Meeting Minutes August 22, 2016**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Chairperson/Recorder Minarcin. In attendance were: councilmen Ruse, Wagner and Minarcin. City staff members in attendance included Finance Director Freeman, City Administrator Scott, and Chief Goss. Carroll Ashley and Larenda Hammett from Ashley Insurance were also present.

The first item of business was the health insurance policy renewal with Medical Mutual of Ohio. Mr. Scott discussed the fact that City's current plan is available as a "grandfathered" plan. The City cannot change plans and maintain the "grandfathered" status. Community rated ACA plans, to date, would be more expensive and offer less in coverage. So the City did not request competitive bids for this renewal. Rates compared to 2015/2016 plan year, came in at modest increase of an average 2.4%. Councilman Wagner made a motion seconded by Councilman Ruse to recommend passage of the health insurance renewal ordinance by Council. The motion passed unanimously.

Under current provisions of the Affordable Care Act, grandfathered plans will no longer be available after January 1, 2017. In the fall of 2017 when the City has to renew the health insurance coverage, the City will be facing significant decisions regarding plan, coverage, cost and provider. There is a chance that grandfather status will be extended further into the future, however, it is not anticipated that any government action will be taken until after the November election.

Ms. Freeman discussed the resolution before Council to pass a "then and now" provision so that the City can pay the City of Perrysburg for its portion of the cost of maintaining radio tower operations. Until June of this year, this cost was covered by a grant. As of this summer the participants in the radio tower have to start splitting the annual cost. The City of Rossford was billed \$7,500 for its share, which was not budgeted. Councilman Ruse wanted additional information from the City of Perrysburg about how participating municipalities shares were established prior to voting on the resolution. Ms. Freeman will ask Chief Drouard to provide the requested information.

Chief Goss presented information regarding staffing at the Police Department. One sergeant in the National Guard is being deployed for a projected 13 months starting November 14, which has the potential to create significant overtime hours for other staff members. In order to reduce the demands on other officers, the Chief is requesting that a resolution increasing the number of full-time officers by 1 until the end of March 2017 be passed by Council.

Councilman Wagner made a motion of adjourn, seconded by Councilman Ruse and passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:30PM.

Chairman/Recorder
Councilman Joseph Minarcin, Jr.