



Finance & Insurance Committee Meeting
November 24, 2014 @ 6:00 PM

1. Welcome

- Meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Chairperson Minarcin
- Members Present: Councilmen Ruse, Wagner and Minarcin. Others in attendance were Finance Director, Karen Freeman; City Administrator, Edward Ciecka; Fire Chief, Josh Drouard; and Assistant Fire Chief Ryan Stautzenbach and representatives from Waste Management and Republic.

2. Open Discussion Non-Bargaining Staff Compensation, Ordinance 2014 – 62

Councilman Minarcin reviewed the process that the ordinance had gone through and work of the Committee re: comparable localities and in normalizing the data by allowing for differences in benefits. The Committee felt the wage adjustments put forward in the ordinance passed the reasonableness test when compared to other entities.

3. Open Discussion - Solid Waste Contract Renewal

Discussion centered around Option 2 (current service level) that would entail a price increase over the current contract and Option 4 with toters provided city-wide and weekly trash pick-up and every-other-week recycling pick-up at a lower price. Concerns were expressed about every-other-week recycling even though toters would be provided, and whether residents would want 2 toters, especially where there are narrow lots. The ordinance before Council recommends Option 4. Finance Committee decided to continue discussion in committee while the ordinance is receiving initial readings in Council.

4. Ladder Truck Repair/Replacement

The history of the current ladder truck, repairs and problems were discussed. Mrs. Freeman stated that as budgeted the level of the fund balance is too low to allow for purchasing the ladder truck without making cuts to other planned capital items in 2015. How often a ladder truck is required was discussed and whether shared services with other communities was feasible. Chief Drouard is preparing a recommendation as to whether a ladder truck or other type of fire vehicle is needed based on calls and experience.

5. Adjournment

Motion made by: Councilman Ruse, Motion seconded by: Councilman Minarcin
(Aye, 3-0) Meeting Adjourned at 6:55PM

Chairperson/Recorder,
Joe Minarcin, Jr.