

Minutes of Finance/Ordinance Committee held, May 12, 2022.

1. Chair Austin Miller called the meeting to order at 5:32.

2. Roll call - M. Moore, A. Miller, A. Gadzik and City Clerk T. Leonard.

3. Farmers Market- clerk reported that she received information from the insurance agent regarding coverage for some of the special events that are being considered in the parks. It is recommended that the city draft an application for vendors or individuals that will be utilizing the park for special events. The application should include details of what they are proposing to use the park for and any needs from staff they are requesting. Businesses shall be able to provide a certificate of insurance naming the city as an additional insured. Individuals and businesses shall sign a hold harmless agreement and return to the city prior to the event. Clerk will make changes to the application including inserting park rules and a multi date option. Clerk will also see if there is an ordinance amendment required.

4. Turnout Gear- As required by resolution 2022-23 the finance committee must review and approve funds used from the Automated Traffic Enforcement Fund. Motion by Miller to approve the expenses for turnout gear in the amount of \$83,800.00 and if grant monies are received for the project, those funds shall be placed back into the ATE Fund. Motion seconded by M. Moore and carried unanimously.

5. Utility Billing Procedures Rates and Shut off- clerk requested the ordinances for shut off be amended when the council is considering rates. Currently the city follows the most lenient code since each utility has a different disconnect date. Clerk proposed amending the code to increase delinquent fees, and streamline all utility shut-offs. The shut off model would follow the Iowa Utility Board requirements for electric utilities, allowing payment agreements and winter protection April –October. Committee also discussed sending non-payments to collections as there is an abundance of bad debt between the three utilities. Finally, a discussion regarding the increase of utility fees the usual amount of 3%. The committee would discuss these options with the council and make a decision.

6. Golf Cart/UTV Ordinance- Miller explained that he has been approached by a lot of folks requesting the use of county roads. Specifically Jefferson Street to pick up kids from school and that they have to use Hacker Street parking lot and drive down the road for the water tower to pick up their kids. Miller stated that Josh Ferkel had checked into it and it was okay. Clerk will prepare the amended changes to allow golf cart/UTV traffic on Jefferson, and Dodge Streets, upon approval from the PD.

Motion by Miller and seconded by Moore to adjourn at 6:25pm.

Adjournment - Motion by M. Moore, seconded by A. Miller. Motion carried unanimously at 6:29.