

**MINUTES  
SPECIAL BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**FEBRUARY 9, 2016**

Jean Soine called the meeting to order at 4:45 p.m. Other members present were Neil Herzberg, Elliot LaBeau, Belinda Ludwig, Finance Specialist.; and Renee Eckerly, City Administrator. Ron Mergen, Public Works Director was also in attendance.

**Motion was made by Herzberg to approve the minutes from the May 11, 2015, September 1, 2015 and November 23, 2015 Budget & Finance Committee meetings (the October Park & Tree Board meeting minutes were put in the agenda by error). Seconded by Ludwig and unanimously carried.**

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

**Motion was made by Eckerly to elect Soine as Chairperson; LaBeau as Vice Chairperson; and Eckerly as Secretary. Seconded by LaBeau and unanimously carried.**

**MEETING SCHEDULE**

It was consented to keep the Budget & Finance Committee meetings on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month at 4:45 p.m.

**LIBRARY FURNITURE**

It was noted that Kay McDaniel has two chairs that she is selling that may work for the Library. Eckerly will check with the Library if three office chairs from City Hall would work at the new computer bench by the windows.

**Motion was made by LaBeau to purchase the table for the Library in the amount of \$70.00 and recommend such to the City Council. Seconded by Ludwig and unanimously carried.**

**AFTER PROM DONATION REQUEST**

Ludwig reported that the City donated in 2010, 2013, and 2014. It was removed from the budget in 2015. The Committee discussed donating and felt there are other avenues for them to raise the money.

**HOLIDAY LIGHTS**

Eckerly reported that there is \$12,700.00 in the fund for new lights. The Committee discussed white snowflakes, red bells, and candles. The current lights are 5' in height. The Committee suggested a variety of bulb colors and a new shape for the snowflakes. The Committee further discussed a street crossing of "Christmas". The old lights would be sold.

**Motion was made by LaBeau to purchase as many lights (bell – red, candle, and snowflake) as possible with the \$12,700.00 that is in the fund and recommend such to the City Council. Seconded by Herzberg and unanimously carried.**

Mergen suggested looking into Display Sales for a quote also. It was suggested to make sure that these new lights would work on new decorative light poles.

### **SPLASH PAD – FUNDRAISING UPDATE**

The Splash Pad has raised \$12,000.00 and needs an additional \$8,000.00. The Committee discussed options to raise the money. Mergen will follow up with Mastermark Plastics on a deck that could be auctioned off at the wine event.

### **COMPOST SITE**

Mergen reported on a new automated system for access. Mergen has looked into solar power with two different companies. Solar power would work for the cameras, but not for the gates. The Committee discussed solar power with a transfer switch for a generator.

County SCORE funds are a possibility. Mergen will need to file an application by mid-March. Jeff Thompson has suggested that if power is installed it would be possible to put up a billboard and take the lease money to help pay for the project. Mergen reported that this system would not be available for use this year because installation would happen over this summer. It was suggested to put a \$10.00 fee on all water bills and issue everyone a card and charge the township residents \$15.00.

### **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 5, 2016 at 4:45 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.