

**MINUTES
SPECIAL BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE**

NOVEMBER 23, 2015

Jean Soine called the meeting to order at 4:50 p.m. Other members present were Neil Herzberg, Belinda Ludwig, Finance Specialist.; Renee Eckerly, City Administrator; and Elliot LaBeau. Ron Mergen, Public Works Director was also in attendance.

Motion was made by Herzberg to approve the September 1, 2015 Budget & Finance Committee Meeting with changes. Seconded by LaBeau and unanimously carried.

PROPOSED 2016 BUDGET – COMPOST SITE

Eckerly and Mergen have been researching the installation of fencing with an automatic gate and using a pass card to use at the site. In addition, installing cameras so no one would need to man the site.

The Committee discussed putting a \$5.00 charge on all utility bills and all residents would have access at any time. Members discussed forcing people to pay for a permit when maybe they don't want one or need one. 800 residents at \$5.00 equals \$4,000.00. The key system is currently being used; however, the card system would allow people to go there anytime from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. This would eliminate the staffing issue. Furthermore, there are non-compost items being dropped off. The other option is to make everyone come into City Hall and purchase a card for \$10.00.

The Hockey Association has been spoken to numerous times about the problems.

The Committee discussed limiting the number of trips, but the City does not want to discourage the use of the Compost Site. The estimated cost of the fence and gate is \$10,000.00 - \$12,000.00. The gate and camera system would eliminate the Hockey Association and some of the additional staff time involved. Some people don't have a trailer to haul to the compost site.

Mergen mentioned switching to decomposable bags that will just dissolve out there.

NEXT MEETING

There will not be a meeting in December.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.