

**FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
MAY 12TH, 2010**

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**DAN McDOWELL
JACK JENKINS
JUDY WHITAKER
MIKE SKOKLO
RON SIMPSON
JOE JUNEAU
SCOTT ONEY**

**VIRGIL KAMBARIAN
DON THOMPSON
BILL DAVIS
BRENDA WHITAKER
MAYOR HAGNAUER
CHARLES JUNEAU**

VIRGIL KAMBARIAN CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER.

CHARLES JUNEAU DISCUSSED DIFFERENT OPTIONS FOR SEWER INCREASES. KAMBARIAN SUGGESTED THE JUNEAU GO BACK AND REFIGURE PROPOSALS. ONEY, SAID THE RATE STUDY HAD BEEN DONE, AND COUNCIL NEEDS TO DECIDE WHAT THE PEOPLE COULD LIVE WITH. LOSSES AND RESERVES WERE DISCUSSED. PREVIOUS SEWER BRAKE COSTS WERE DISCUSSED, AND THE POSSIBILITY OF NEW SEWER BRAKES AND THE COST TO THE CITY.

MAYOR HAGNAUER PRESENTED THE COMMITTEE WITH 2 BUDGET PROPOSALS THE FIRST PRESENTED WAS FOR REMOVAL OF PENSION TAX LEVY, REMOVAL OF CITY STICKERS, REMOVAL YARD SALE PERMITS. THE CITY IN TURN IMPLEMENT A UTILITY TAX, WOULD BE AN AVERAGE OF \$92 TO \$95 PER HOUSEHOLD. THIS IN TURN WOULD GET RIDE OF THE PENSION PROBLEMS. IF WE DO NOT DO THIS THE CITY WOULD BE OVER 4 MILLION IN DEBT. ALL EXPENSE MONIES HAVE BEEN CUT. MAYOR WOULD LIKE TO ALSO HAVE A HIRING FREEZE. STATE HAS SAID THAT WILL NOT BE PAYING US FOR CERTAIN THINGS. MAYOR ASKED THAT WHAT WAS DISCUSSED IN THIS MEETING TO PLEASE KEEP TO THEMSELVES. RETIRES WILL NOT BE REPLACED. MAYOR IS CONTINUING WITH A HIRING FREEZE. MAYOR IS CALLING OUR PEOPLE IN ON THE BUDGET THIS YEAR, DON'T SPEND IF DON'T HAVE TO.

KAMBARIAN ASK WOULD THE UTILITY TAX INCREASE BRING UP THE DEBT TO TAKE CARE OF THE SEWER AND THE PENSION DEFICIT. SCOTT ONEY EXPLAINED HOW THIS WOULD WORK, ALSO THE PENSION, AND IMRF. KAMBARIAN SAID WE MAY NEED TO DO MORE THAN JUST THE 5% TAX. KAMBARIAN ALSO EXPRESS FURTHER CONCERNS.

MAYOR SAID WITH JUST THE SEWER INCREASE IN THE NEXT 3-5 YRS. THE CITY WOULD STILL BE IN THE SAME BOAT. BUT IF THE COMMITTEE WOULD GO WITH THE UTILITY TAX, THE CITY WOULD HAVE A 1 MILLION PLUS SURPLUS EACH YEAR.

FURTHER DISCUSSION BY THE COMMITTEE ABOUT THE UTILITY TAX, AND THE SEWER INCREASE. SCOTT ONEY EXPLAINS MORE ABOUT THE COST OF THE TAX, BUSINESSES ARE THE ONES THAT WOULD BE HIT HARDEST.

KAMBARIAN ASKED ALL ALDERMAN ABOUT HOW THEY FEEL ABOUT THE UTILITY TAX, AND THE SEWER INCREASE, EACH ALDERMAN VOICED HIS OPINION. KAMBARIAN SAID AFTER CENSUS THAT THE ALDERMAN ALL WERE IN FAVOR OF 5% UTILITY TAX.

MORE DISCUSSION BY SCOTT ONEY, COMMITTEE, MAYOR ON SEWER INCREASES. MONTHLY BILLING WAS BROUGHT UP, AMOUNTS, AND NUMBER OF YEARS.

MEETING CALLED FOR 5:30 ON 26TH OF MAY, THEY WOULD PRESENT NEW RAISES TO THE COMMITTEE, SEWER AND BUDGET.

MAYOR HAS ONE LAST QUESTION TO ASK OF THE COMMITTEE, WOULD WE BE ABLE TO USE THE SURPLUS TO COVER CURRENT EXPENSES.

JUDY WHITAKER ASKED FOR INCREASES ON BIRTH AND DEATH CERTIFICATE, TO BE ON NEXT AGENDA.

MOTION BY KAMBARIAN TO ADJORN, SECOND BY DAN MCDOWELL. MOTION CARRIED.