

FINANCE COMMITTEE  
March 20, 2025

MEMBERS

Chairman Mitchelson  
Alderman Dorchinecz (absent)  
Alderman Skultety  
Alderman Bryant

ALSO PRESENT

Mayor Barry	Tammy Nicol	Amit Patel
Clerk Richardson	HBO Goodall	Shamsher Amur
Alderman Wilson	Larry Budd	Matthew Yard
Superintendent Mann	Treasurer Miles	Wendy Semerau
Alderman Brown	Tim McArdle	
Lisa Sassatelli	Alicia Mayes	

Chairman Mitchelson called the meeting to order at 6:04 P.M.

Mayor Barry requested Shamsher Amur from Discount Liquor and Amit Patel from Amity Mart address the Committee regarding a combined liquor license. Mr. Amur explained the benefits to the City, as well as the benefits to the local business owners to combine the package/pour license for establishments required to have two separate licenses. Alderman Skultety stated the City would incur additional costs for preparing a new Ordinance, which Mr. Amur and Mr. Patel offered several options for assisting with costs. Attorney Romano will be forwarded this information to prepare a new Ordinance.

**1% GROCERY TAX**

Chairman Mitchelson advised the 1% Grocery Tax is not an additional tax, but a tax that the State turned over to municipalities. Mayor Barry gave estimates of the revenue this would generate for the City, and advised other communities have already passed this tax. Alderman Skultety and Alderman Bryant are opposed to this tax, but feel it should be voted on by the City Council as a whole.

Motion by Alderman Mitchelson and seconded by Alderman Bryant to recommend to the City Council to approve the 1% Grocery Tax. Motion carried 2-1

**FARM GROUND LEASE-NATION FARMS**

Discussion was held regarding the Farm Ground Lease with Nation Farms. Clerk Richardson advised Attorney Romano recommended writing a new lease since the current lease was written in 2008. Clerk Richardson asked about an increase in the amount per acre. Alderman Bryant inquired as to why this is not bid out when the leases expire. It was decided the lease will be extended for 1 year, to be reviewed after harvest season this year.

Motion by Alderman Mitchelson and seconded by Alderman Bryant to recommend to the City Council to extend the current lease with Nation Farms for the Airport farm ground for one year, to be reviewed again after this year's harvest season. Motion carried 3-0

### **WEBSITE UPDATE-SERPENTINE**

Lisa Sassatelli presented the web design proposal from Serpentine for the City Website. She advised the additional updates the City will receive by renewing now. The website must be updated by April 24, 2027 to comply with the Department of Justice for the ADA requirements.

Motion by Alderman Mitchelson and seconded by Alderman Skultety to recommend to the City Council to approve the website update with Serpentine at a cost not exceed \$5,600.00 to be paid from the computer costs and maintenance line item. Motion carried 3-0

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Treasurer Miles presented the current Treasurer's report. She stated it's about the same as usual, sales tax is up. The Lake Restoration fee has started, and the first deposit has been made into the Lake Restoration account.

### **DISCUSS DEPARTMENT BUDGETS**

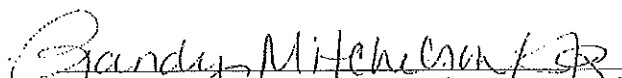
Chairman Mitchelson discussed the increase in BDD revenues, sales tax revenues, and income tax revenues. He advised the personal property tax revenues have dropped. Video Gaming Terminal revenue has increased as well. Chairman Mitchelson received a list of expenditures from Treasurer Miles, he explained the budgets for each department are all under what was budgeted for the year. He discussed the amount of cash on hand the City currently has, and stated that the City is in good shape fiscally.

### **ANY OTHER MATTERS**

No other matters were brought forth to this Committee.

Motion by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Skultety to adjourn. The motion carried 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 6:39 P.M.

  
Randy Mitchelson, Chairman Finance Committee