

Finance Committee Meeting  
Minutes  
March 10, 2021

Members present: Gale, Gremel, McCann

Members absent:

Staff present: Craker, Edmondson, Holton, Scott

Public: Laura Cavendish, Hugh Cook, Will Harper, Josh Rutila, Steve Wetherbee

The meeting was called to order via zoom at 10:00 a.m.

The agenda was modified to postpone sewer debt retirement item to April and add amended Prein & Newhoff proposal. Amended agenda was accepted.

No public comment at this time.

In November the Finance Committee was charged with reviewing Vendor, Peddler and Solicitor Ordinance #100, which was written in 2010 to replace an older Vendor Policy. Josh Rutila asked the committee to consider changing the ordinance to allow food trucks and other vendors to operate throughout the tourist season, not just during special non-profit events. Several suggestions were made for the committee to consider while updating the ordinance. Laura Cavendish spoke in favor of allowing more food trucks to generate more tourist business. She suggested a fee to recover tax revenue generated by brick and mortar businesses. The ordinance should specify permitted vendor locations and a mechanism to collect "rent" for use of public space, limit the number of vendors allowed to operate at the same time, require vendors to produce copies of licenses and liability insurance limits before granting a permit. Kallie Craker recommends temporary signs directing foot and vehicle traffic to vendor locations. Hugh Cook suggested regular vendors should receive preferred status for special events. Will Harper asked the committee to canvas local restaurant owners before amending the ordinance. A work group of Gale, Gremel and Craker

will follow up on the suggestions and draft an amended ordinance for the next meeting.

Clerk Scott referenced an updated professional services agreement from Prein and Newhof for design of a replacement Rose Street culvert. The revised proposal includes geotechnical investigation of the site. Soil borings can be carried out at the West 3<sup>rd</sup> Street culvert when equipment is on site to save time and money when that project is scheduled. No action is required. The matter is on agenda for Infrastructure Committee.

DPW Supt. Holton and Clerk Scott continue to work with John Korr to get estimates for preparing the 7<sup>th</sup> Street property for sale or development. DTE, Consumers Energy and Spectrum/Charter Communications are working with a layout plan to estimate connection costs. Bay Area Recycling for Charities (BARC) will remove the building for \$9,800 and reuse materials when possible. Kallie Craker noted the school is hoping to add a storage building. Holton will inquire about the school's needs before finalizing arrangements with BARC.

Scott and Holton will also revisit the water connection fee. Based on recent experience with complex connections, the current fee is covering only about 1/3 of the costs. Scott believes the water ordinance will need to be amended and will report back at the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:52 a.m.

Submitted by,

Jane Gale, Chair