

Finance Team Meeting Minutes: October 12, 2016, Noon.

Present: Finance Director Amy Fealko and Council Members Jim Baker and Jim Bockelman. Also in attendance was Tom McFarland representing the Maude and T.R. Benedict Trust.

An addition to the agenda was for a discussion about a draft Memorandum of Understanding, MOU, for the alternative bridge site proposed by the State of Idaho for the Salmon area.

Tom McFarland, representing the Benedict Trusts explained a proposal to offer to the City the property where the History Park is located. In the current agreement with the Benedict Trusts the City pays the property tax and has rest rooms at the site but uses water for the site from one of the adjacent properties. The offer to the City is for \$10,000 and first right of approval. There are no funds budgeted for this kind of expense plus there are parameters on how the City can go about the purchase of properties. If interested, Tom is willing to give the City time to work out the details. Discussion at the Council level is needed along with an agreement spelling out the specifics.

The September financials were discussed. Amy is working to get the end of year numbers in order. For the most part, all departments did pretty well staying within their budgets. Currently the General Fund has a \$10,000 positive balance Revenue over Expenditures for the year. The Water Department is now looking better with \$300,000 Revenue over Expenditures due to changes made in the use fees between the Water and the Sewer Departments. As a side note, the pool has been drained and three companies will be coming to check out the physical condition of the pool from the top down and give us proposals on what is needed to bring the pool up to good working order. As another side note, the water line under the river is now visible and there may be the need for Council to discuss action to be taken to address the problem. Local Option Tax performance for the year is currently at \$98,000 without September taxes in until later in October. This is the highest amount collected.

Jim Baker requested that fees be looked into in regards to: sprinkler suppression systems, additional sewage dumping at the sewer plant and hooking into City storm drain system.

- Buildings that require sprinkler suppression systems require a larger line meter which carries a more expensive fee. The thought is that only if there is a fire will the larger line be needed, but the more expensive fee is charged all the time.
- There are some entities around town that have hooked into the City storm drain system with their buildings and grounds run off and are being charge a fee and some that are not being charged. The thought here is it all should be the same.
- The Forest Service is wanting to dump the river rafting sewage collected at the North Fork human waste collection site in the City's Sewer System. There are concerns on the affect that the increased load will put on the City's system and what should be charged. There has also been discussion as to the commercial septic system dumps at the City's system that come mostly from out of the City, but the cost of operation of the sewer is the burden of the City tax payers. Amy will contact, Keller and Associates, the engineering firm for the sewer plant, to see what they recommend. If there is a cost involved for a study, it is recommended that the Forest Service be the payers of the fee. Amy will also research the other concerns and the team will continue to discuss and bring their findings to Council.

Amy has concerns regarding the wording in the draft MOU with the County and the State about an alternative bridge site in or near the Salmon area. There are no moneys budgeted for anything in regards to the alternative bridge site. Council has voted to cooperate, the draft MOU is the first step in

that cooperation.

The next Finance Team meeting will be November 9th, in the City Hall Conference Room.