

## Finance Committee Meeting Tuesday 02.21.2023

The meeting commenced at 2020 hrs.

Committee members in attendance: Chairman David W. Voss, John Hardig, Lindsey Jones and Brian Smyth.

Other council members in attendance: Kathleen Zech, Amy Richter, Stefanie Hawk and President of Council Kerry Smyth.

City officials: Mayor Sam Keller, SSD Tom Braun, Clerk of Council Jenny Eilermann and Treasurer RaeJean Hardig.

Others: Troy Borgman

Meeting Objectives: To continue the discussion relative increasing revenue for the city.

Discussion:

1. Follow-up on the administration's spreadsheet concerning increasing the fees to be charged for residences and businesses. 85% of commercial rate for businesses and single family fees. There was a deficit of \$36,817.20 in 2022. (Total garbage fees collected in 2022 of \$527,668.00 and total costs for garbage collection were \$564,485.20 = deficit of \$36,817.20). Why an increase of \$490,344.00? The proposed increase is grossly out of proportion to the deficit. Cheviot ordinances on file for garbage lists the enactment of the garbage fee is for trash collection. Ordinances have no provision to supplement the general fund. Chairman Voss raised the issue of a garbage fee that grossly exceeded the costs of trash collection services being legal. Chairman Voss will send a letter to the law director requesting a legal opinion on trash fees.

The finance committee was polled relative supporting the proposed \$ 490,344.00 increase in garbage fees. Everyone in support except for the chairman who will await the opinion of the law director before a making a decision.

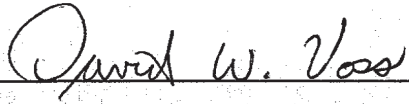
2. The issue of providing recycling was again a topic. Councilwoman Richter has contacted Gage Bradford from Hamilton County concerning available grants to cover the costs of a recycling program. She will provide information she has received from Gage Bradford about the available grant funding for recycling.

In closing,

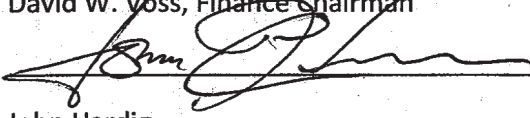
The next Finance Committee meeting will be on Tuesday, 02.28.2023.

The meeting concluded at 2111 hrs.

Respectfully submitted,

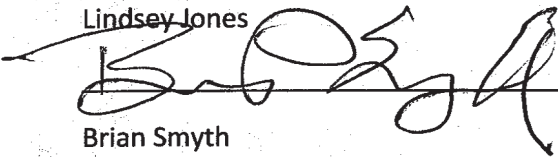


David W. Voss, Finance Chairman



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