

## Finance Committee Meeting – August 27, 2018

The Finance Committee of the City of Aledo met in Open Session in the Council Chambers of the City Hall building on August 27, 2018. ALD. KOPP called the meeting to order at 6:15 P.M. The roll was called, whereupon the following committee members answered present:

Aldermen BARRY COOPER, JIM HOLMES, CHRIS KOPP, and RANDY SLATER.  
Mayor CHRIS HAGLOCH.

Also present were ILA BERTRAND, Alderman, TERRY BEWLEY, Alderman, MICHAEL CHAUSSE, Alderman, JAY DOHERTY, Alderman, ERIN KNACKSTEDT, City Administrator, JUSTIN BLASER, Director of Public Works & Utilities, and JAROD DALE, City Clerk.

The media was represented by Jim Taylor, WRMJ.

Approval of Minutes: Motion was made by ALD. Cooper and seconded by ALD. Holmes to approve the committee meeting minutes of 08/13/18 as presented. A Unanimous voice vote followed in agreement.

The following was discussed:

**Old Business:** *Discussion on the Request for Proposals regarding the Collection and Disposal of Solid Waste – Status Update:* ADMINISTRATOR Knackstedt provided information requested at the last committee meeting. A table listing surrounding area communities include:

- Cambridge, IL; Coal Valley, IL; Eldridge, IA; Galva, IL; Kewanee, IL; LeClaire, IA; Milan, IL; Monmouth, IL; Morrison, IL; Silvis, IL; and Sterling, IL.
- Contract Services: Cambridge – Yes; Coal Valley – Yes; Eldridge – Yes; Galva – Yes; Kewanee – Yes; LeClaire – Yes; Milan – Yes; Monmouth – Yes; Morrison – Yes; Silvis – Yes; Sterling – Yes.
- Opt out for longer term vacation: Cambridge – No; Coal Valley – Yes, if gone at least 2 mo.; Eldridge – No; Galva – Yes; Kewanee – Yes, if gone for extended period; LeClaire – Yes; Milan – No; Monmouth – No; Morrison – Yes; Silvis – No; Sterling – No.
- Administrative Fee: Cambridge – No; Coal Valley – No; Eldridge - \$.30/mo.; Galva – No; Kewanee – No; LeClaire - \$1.62/mo.; Milan – No; Monmouth – No; Morrison - \$2.00/mo.; Silvis – No; Sterling – (No Information).

ADMINISTRATOR reported New Boston, IL., only surrounding community with a “snow-bird” option, per Chad Braatz, City of Monmouth, IL.

ADMINISTRATOR requested the Committee provide direction on the next steps for City staff.

ALD. Bertrand inquired on administrative fees from other surrounding areas. ADMINISTRATOR noted Chad Braatz of City of Monmouth, IL. does not have an administrative fee, but Fyre Lake, Reynolds, Matherville, New Boston, and Sherrard, IL., all had a fee at one time.

ADMINISTRATOR suggested an administrative fee could go towards a road repairs. ALD. Doherty suggested the administrative fee for roads would be due to the MFT funds not being enough to provide road repairs like the City needs to do. Other concerns were voiced that it would be considered a tax on garbage to go towards roads.

Discussions continued regarding a public hearing and a “opt out” option regarding “snow-birds”. ALD. Kopp went around requesting opinions from each Alderman present.

ALD. Cooper reported an “opt out” should be considered and supportive of an administrative fee either 10% or up to \$2.00 per month.

ALD. Bewley voiced his opinion to not move forward with a single waste hauler and to allow residents to continue to utilize whomever they choose.

ALD. Slater voiced his opinion to move to a single waste hauler and utilize an “opt out” for snowbirds with a 2 to 3 month minimum time period; and to allow for an administrative fee.

ALD. Bertrand noted there is a breakdown of the roads and supportive of a single waste hauler. Also, Ald. Bertrand voiced support of an administrative fee but not looking for a large number but something for the roads and supportive of a 2-month minimum for snowbirds.

ALD. Kopp supportive of a single waste hauler and a 2-month “opt out” for snowbirds and not supportive of an administrative fee.

ALD. Holmes supportive of a single waste hauler and a “opt out” for snowbirds for however long they would need to be gone. Also, supportive of an administrative fee up to 20% road fee to be potentially considered.

ALD. Chausse voiced support for a single waste hauler and a “opt out” for snowbirds but must be gone a quarter of the year. Also, ALD. Chausse is opposed to an administrative fee.

ALD. Doherty voiced the opinion to allow residents to choose between garbage and recycling or both and supportive of an “opt out” for snowbirds. Regarding the administrative fee, ALD. Doherty noted he sees the benefits of it and will help our roads but can also see the option for a savings as well.

The Committee next discussed potential issues with delinquent bills and was noted as something the City would need to address with an option to file a lien, as is the current practice for utility billing.

ALD. Kopp reported there is a consensus by the Committee to allow the snowbird option to be considered and City Staff to contact the bidder to see if that is a feasible option. Also, to inquire if that would affect the pricing as well. ADMINISTRATOR reported the City has until October 1 to notify the bidder(s) if the City would be moving forward with a contract development or not.

The Committee requested City Staff look to hold a public hearing the week of the 10<sup>th</sup> of September and to verify with the Aledo Fire Station for the use of the community room.

**New Business:** *Discussion on the Use of Budgeted Funds for the Looser-Flake Grant Match in the amount of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000):* ADMINISTRATOR reported the City recently made three (3) grant proposals for the latest round of Looser-Flake grant funding. The only proposal that was not cut from this funding cycle was the construction of a varsity field at the Northside Ball Diamonds. The grant committee has placed our funding request at \$30,000 with a \$15,000 match.

The City currently has these funds budgeted under ED & Tourism programs line items. ADMINISTRATOR notes this would be a-part of a 5-year CIP for the Park District to attract more tournaments and visitors to Aledo. Rough estimates for dirt-work, tile-work and fencing noted in the amount of \$50,000, per ADMINISTRATOR. Lighting was voiced as something that would need to be addressed.

ADMINISTRATOR reported that lighting is not a part of her plans for this application. Lighting estimates were voiced in the amount of \$100,000 roughly.

The Committee also noted parking would need to be addressed as well. All information is to be submitted by September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018. ALD. Chausse noted the City should be approaching the School District to see if this is an interest or not. Lights were noted to be of importance to the Committee.

Motion was made by ALD. Cooper and seconded by ALD. Slater to move the item to full council for final approval. A roll call vote was recorded as follows:

YES: Cooper, Kopp, and Slater. NO: Holmes. Motion carried. 3 yeas, 1 nay.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, motion was made by ALDERMAN COOPER and seconded by ALDERMAN SLATER that the meeting be adjourned. Unanimous voice vote followed in agreement. Meeting was adjourned at 7:23 P.M.

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Jarod Dale, City Clerk