

Finance Committee Meeting Minutes
Monday, December 11, 2023 at 5:00 P.M.
City Hall Council Chambers

1. CALL TO ORDER

Matt Montgomery called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m. Roll call: Derek Lundell, Council Member – absent; Steve Gesme, Council Member – present; Matt Montgomery, Mayor – present

Also present: City Administrator Neil Jensen, Utility Clerk Ellen Hartman, Council Member Diane Johnson, Ambulance Director Tim Malchow

2. APPROVE THE AGENDA

Action - ***Motion by Gesme, second by Montgomery, to approve the agenda, passing unanimously.***

3. APPROVE MEETING MINUTES

Action – ***Motion by Gesme, second by Montgomery, to approve minutes from November 13, 2023 Finance Committee meeting, passing unanimously.***

4. PARAMEDIC TUITION PROGRAM DISCUSSION

Malchow reported that two EMTs want to pursue paramedic training; one is currently in paramedic school, one will be enrolling. It is difficult to hire paramedics, since the City is not as competitive as for-profit services and large hospitals. Jensen reminded that the service is already down three paramedics, with another planning to retire at the end of the month. To retain these two future paramedics, Malchow is requesting restructuring their pay and reimbursing their tuition. Consensus of the committee members was that the plan sounded good, the department needs a boost with the retirement coming, and it would be money well spent.

Action – ***Motion by Montgomery, second by Gesme, to recommend the City Council implement tuition reimbursement for paramedic training, passing unanimously.***

9. ADJOURNMENT

Action – ***Motion by Montgomery, second by Gesme, to adjourn at 5:08 p.m., passing unanimously.***

Respectfully Submitted,
Ellen Hartman, Utility Clerk

-Minutes approved at the 01/08/2024 meeting-