

**Finance Committee Meeting  
Monday, January 16, 2023  
Red Bud City Hall  
Council Chambers (2<sup>nd</sup> floor)**

Committee Members Present: Rodney Nevois, Ben Schwartzkopf, Alan Piel, Bill Hanebutt, Mike Rheinecker

Committee Members Absent:

Council Members Present: Curt Guebert, Jeremy DeMond, Kyle Donjon

Others Present: Acting Mayor Susan Harbaugh, Police Chief John Brittingham, Admin. Assist. Pam Poetker, Attorney Paul Ray, City Superintendent Josh Eckart, Code Administrator Jeff Mueller

Others Absent: City Clerk Joanne Cowell

Pledge of Allegiance

Acting Mayor Harbaugh called the meeting to order at 6:27 P.M.

Old Business

No old business

New Business

1. **Approval of Prior Month's Meeting Minutes – December 19, 2022**  
*Recommendation made by Nevois, seconded by Rheinecker, to approve the minutes from December 19, 2022, meeting. Motion carried.*
2. **Maturing CDs and Investment Information**  
None
3. **Financial Dashboard**  
Included in the packet. Nevois reported that we are at 67% of our fiscal year. We are 35% under budgeted expenses and over 15% on revenues.  
J. Eckart noted that all meters for utility customers have been put back in.
4. **Administration Vehicle – Authorization to Budget**  
P. Poetker reported that any city official or employee who does not have a city vehicle and is required to drive their personal vehicle for business purposes has to assume all of the liability for their vehicle, other vehicles, all individuals, etc. Additionally, any insurance increases associated with increases to personal insurance policies.

Vehicle could be used for officials and across departments for any employees. When the Mayor inquired P. Poetker recommended introducing the idea to the committee for feedback. She added that years ago employees/officials would use extra vehicle in the Police Department but there are no extra vehicles any more in the PD. Josh commented that there has been times that he has given his truck to employees at the Utility Department who are traveling to training.

R. Nevois asked where the vehicle would be stored. P. Poetker commented that it would probably stay on the city hall parking lot. Mayor Harbaugh added that a calendar could be maintained for scheduling the use of it. He followed with a question regarding insurance. P. Poetker responded that it is covered as a fleet vehicle so anyone related to city business could drive it as long as they have a valid driver's license.

K. Donjon inquired about valid driver's licenses and if we are verifying that they are valid driver's before letting people drive city vehicles. J. Eckart responded that we have had an instance where an employee had a driver's permit, but currently everyone has a valid driver's license.

Vehicle would be added to the budget for the upcoming fiscal year if there is no opposition. Vehicle purchased would most likely be used. Mayor provided a list including the meeting she attends on behalf of the city each month. She added that a lot of meetings are just starting to return post COVID.

B. Hanebutt inquired about current mileage costs and recommended that we consider these costs when budgeting. No motion needed to include it in the budget.

**5. Revising of Video Gaming Fees**

Committee agreed to revisit this matter in January, 2023. We can charge up to \$250 per machine. We currently have 6 machines and are not charging any fees. M. Rheinecker added that we are also collecting revenue from them and did not think we needed to assess a fee on top of it. B. Schwartzkopf disagreed and felt that we should charge the \$250 fee because people will still play them and people will still make money.

Several members thought the businesses would not look at the charge favorably. B. Schwartzkopf felt that the fee was minimal for the tens of thousands they are making annual. C. Guebert responded that not all locations in town are making that kind of money. B. Schwartzkopf thought that then those machines should go away.

*Motion made by Rheinecker, seconded by Hanebutt, to not charge gaming fees this year. 4 aye votes, 1 nay vote (B. Schwartzkopf). Motion carried.*

**6. FY '24 Budget – Initial Packets to Dept. Heads/Chairpersons**

Packets are scheduled to go out this week. Draft will be ready for March committee meetings.

**7. Public Comments/Anything for the Good of the City**

No Comments.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:40 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Pamela K. Poetker,  
Deputy Clerk, Red Bud, Illinois