

CITY OF GILLETT
FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE
Council Chambers – Municipal Building
150 N McKenzie Ave – Gillett, WI 54124
THURSDAY, AUGUST 1, 2024 AT 5:00 PM
MINUTES

Committee may deviate from the agenda as needed

Chairperson Hubbard called the meeting to order at 5:08 PM.

Roll Call

Present: Alderpersons Sandra Hubbard, Nanette Mohr, Ashley VanStraten
Irene Drake, Jerry Luther, and David Bunker, Mayor Jon Blaskowski, and Deputy
Clerk/Treasurer Lisa Anderson.

Open Meeting Law has been complied with.

Public Input –None

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Discussion and possible action on minutes from July 6 and July 10 2024

MOTION: VanStraten/Mohr

Motion to approve the minutes from July 6 and July 10 2024

Voice Vote: All Voting Aye – **MOTION CARRIED**

2. Discussion and possible action on budget, spending, and check registers-
Aldersperson Hubbard stated she thinks it's a good idea to go over spending and check registers. Mayor Blaskowski said maybe if we start having Finance and Personnel meetings prior to Council with the department heads we can ask them individually if they have questions. Items that were brought up were the ARPA funds that we had with the money left over from Covid relief fund had to be used for safety or security. The Police department got new vests and radios. The Fire department got money towards a fire truck. Aldersperson Mohr stated that they put into the budget \$25,000 for the sale of the old fire truck. The Fire Chief told them at the time he had an offer for that amount. Fire Chief Kurt Hicks came back later with a bid of \$5,500. He was told that was unacceptable at the time. Aldersperson Mohr stated we paid for the entire fire truck out of the ARPA funds and City account when the Clerk was on maternity leave because the office staff covering was not able to take out a loan. Mayor Jon Blaskowski stated per conversation with the Clerk- the Fire department should repay the city budget because they used that much over what was approved from ARPA and a loan was not taken out. They expected the \$25,000 to come back to the City to be put back in the ARPA fund. City Clerk Chelsea Anderson advertised the old fire truck on Gov Deals, an auction site, and received a bid of \$17,651 after the commission and taxes from Gov Deals, the amount we received was \$15,350. The Mayor asked if we need to have a HPL meeting and have the Fire Chief attend because of the amount of money the city needs back for the fire department. The fire truck that was sold was bought used 20 years ago and it was probably 15 years old when we bought it, so there was a need for a new truck. The city should not have tried to borrow the money at that time because we were at our limit (borrowing capacity) because of other projects. Finance Committee approved the Fire Department to use \$49,628.43 from ARPA, they used \$90,500 from ARPA , total cost of the new ladder truck was \$195,000 for a 2002 Peirce 100 ft Ladder Truck. Parks was approved for \$39,000, (Park security system) Clerks Office \$35,000 (Bullet Resistant Office Staff Window and install), and the Police Department \$12,000 (new police radios and vests).
Approved 49628.43, used 19500 and 71000 from arpa= 90,500. 15350 was deposited back into the city account. The City account spend 199,000- minus arpa 49628.43= 149,371.57- old fire truck 15350= 134021.57.

3. Discussion and possible action on Accounting Firm
Alderson Mohr discussed several Accounting Firms that the City Clerk Chelsea Anderson is going to contact, with Kerber Rose being one of them. So it will be tabled for now.
4. Set Next Meeting Date- September 5th at 5:30
5. Adjournment at 6:00 PM.
MOTION: Mohr/Vanstraten
Motion to adjourn
Voice Vote: All Ayes MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully Submitted
Deputy Clerk Treasurer Lisa Anderson