

**Finance Committee
December 28, 2020
6:00 p.m. - City Hall Council Chambers
and Via Web Ex Conference Call**

Note: Due to the increases in Covid-19 cases in our area, the City Council, Department Heads and the Public had the option to attend the meeting in person at City Hall or by remote participation through the WebEx platform.

Chairman Ptak called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Alderman Ptak, Alderman Lavieri, Alderman Jeppson, Alderman Herndon

Present Remotely- Alderman Demes, Deputy Clerk Brent Bader

Absent: None

Others present: Alderman Reynolds, Alderman Bacidore, City Clerk Carrie Brown, Finance Director John Duncan, Andy Bacidore

A quorum was present.

The minutes of the Finance Committee held on December 14, 2020 were unanimously approved by the Committee by voice vote after a motion from Alderman Lavieri and a second by Alderman Jeppson. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Alderman Lavieri was curious as to why a pick-up truck was purchased from Thomas Dodge Chrysler of Highland, Indiana. Alderman Herndon explained that this was for the police pick-up trucks recently approved for purchase. Alderman Lavieri said he wasn't complaining that it was purchased out of the area, but was unsure if that was due to a state bid or for some other reason. Finance Director Duncan said he was unsure if this was due to the state bid, but Alderman Ptak commented that he was sure Chief Smudzinski researched and got the best price possible. Alderman Demes explained that many times there is one dealer within the tri-state area who orders thousands of the police fleet vehicles for state and federal use and offers the rest of them for sale at the same price to local police departments. This makes it difficult for local dealers to compete with the price.

Alderman Lavieri then inquired about a charge to Creative Services and wondered why it was all charged to the Water account. Finance Director Duncan explained that at the end of the year a journal entry is made to divide the yearly charge for water bill printing and mailing services between the water, sewer and garbage funds.

There were no further questions or comments from the public.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:06 p.m.



Carrie Brown, City Clerk