

Finance Committee

November 28, 2022

6:00pm - City Hall Council Chambers

Chairman Ptak Called the Meeting to order at 6:00pm

ROLL CALL

Present: Chairman Ptak, Aldermen Thompson, Lavieri, Jeppson, Herndon

Absent: NONE

Others Present: Finance Director John Duncan, Deputy Clerk Brent Bader, Fire Chief Jerry Janick, Alderman Bacidore, Alderman Reynolds, Alderman Crane, City Treasurer Virginia Kochanowski, Econ. Dev. Director Curt Bedei

A quorum was present.

Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to approve and place on file the minutes of the Finance Committee for November 14, 2022.

Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

No questions on the bills.

Economic Development Director Bedei and Deputy Clerk Bader discussed the Submittal of an Illinois Travel and Tourism grant \$20,000, asking the city council for \$10,000 of that, to develop an Economic Development/Tourism Website for the City of LaSalle. Alderman Crane asked if it was possible to advertise and use the city website through a City of LaSalle App. He thought it would be nice to have an app to send out upcoming dates/events, reminders, and even pay the city bill through this app. Bader thought it would be possible to look into for the future, but this would be different than the grant proposal. Bedei mentioned that this website would be Mobile friendly. This could include a relocation guide for new residents to the City of LaSalle and to the surrounding area. Bedei did contact 5 agencies for this website development and have received their proposals but no provider has been decided. The agencies do recognize that \$20,000 is what the city is willing to use. Bedei mentioned that it could be used through TIF funds, because it would be promoting TIF areas. The website development would be dependent on the city receiving the grant. The timeframe of completion would be between Jan 2-Dec 31, 2023. This could be appropriated in the next fiscal year. Bedei mentioned that he wasn't looking to start this project until May anyway, due to the season change and photo opportunities for the website.

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Thompson to accept the recommendation of the Submittal of the Illinois Travel and Tourism grant.

ROLL CALL

AYE: Aldermen Thompson, Lavieri, Jeppson, Herndon, Chairman Ptak

NAY: None **Absent:** NONE **Abstain:** None

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0

Chairman Ptak began the discussion and potential recommendation regarding the purchase of a 2023 Ford Police Interceptor Utility AWD. Ptak mentioned that this would be the first vehicle that has not been appropriated for in the general fund. It will have to have a super majority vote. Chief Smudzinski has previously purchased the last five vehicles out of the drug fund. Chairman Ptak pointed out to the committee that Chief Smudzinski has underspent in all other funds in the past. Alderman Thompson asked if this would be replacing a unit. Duncan confirmed that it would be but was unsure what the department's plan was with the old vehicle. Alderman Crane recommended to trade the older vehicle in if possible because if they go to different city departments, they end up sitting. The committee will ask Chief his plans in regard to the older vehicle.

Moved by Alderman Thompson and seconded by Alderman Herndon to approve the recommendation regarding the purchase of a 2023 Ford Police Interceptor Utility AWD.

ROLL CALL

AYE: Aldermen Thompson, Lavieri, Jeppson, Herndon, Chairman Ptak

NAY: None **Absent:** NONE **Abstain:** None

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0

There were no more questions or comments from the public.

Moved by Alderman Thompson and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to adjourn the meeting.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Chairman Ptak adjourned the meeting at 6:13pm

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Amy Quinn". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Amy Quinn, City Clerk