

SPECIAL FINANCE COMMITTEE

SEPTEMBER 8, 2014

The meeting was called to order by Ald. Longo at 6:31 p.m. with the following Roll Call:

Members Present: Ald. Longo, Ald. Toellner, Ald. Hohmann

Members Absent:

Others Present: Mayor Redeker, Darlene Smith, Lois Krueger, Ald. Boelk, Ald. Neumann, Ald. Schmidt, Ed Zagorski, Marge Nitschke, Steve Crowe, Bob Smith

Item #2 – Discuss/Recommend Telephone 60 Month Lease Contract Beginning January 2015.

Steve Crowe was present from PCS. The plan is to replace the phone system at City Hall and the Police Department. The Utilities will also be added as a remote location to the system. Our annual cost will be \$4,196 for a 5 year lease. When the lease is over it is a \$1 buyout.

Motion by Ald. Toellner, second by Ald. Hohmann to recommend the telephone 60 month lease contract from PCS beginning January 2015 to Common Council. Motion carried unanimously.

Item #3 – Discuss/Recommend Copier Lease Contracts.

Our copier lease is up for renewal. Our current contract with GFC is \$1,232.52 per month. We received contracts from GFC (Canon machines) and MBM (Xerox machines). GFC's quote was \$751.72 per month and MBM's quote was \$560.69 per month. Motion by Ald. Hohmann, second by Ald. Toellner to recommend the copier lease contract from MBM to Common Council. Motion carried unanimously.

Item #4 – Discussion of New Commercial Vacancy Tax.

Discussion to consider vacancy tax for commercial property only. Proposal of .10/sq. ft for the land and building for a two year time frame and then start charging. There is a problem in the city with long-term vacant properties which needs to be addressed. It was suggested to use some of this funding to revitalize the downtown and use incentives to new businesses. Required registration needs to be part of the ordinance along with interior and exterior maintenance and also a definition of what "vacant" is.

Item #5 - Adjournment.

Motion by Ald. Toellner, second by Ald. Longo to adjourn at 7:05 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Darlene Smith, City Clerk