

THE FINANCE Committee held a meeting on Monday, January 8th, 2024 beginning at 6:15 P.M

Finance Members Present: Chair Tollett, Davis, Schneider, Cerra, Siwierka

CD Members Present: Chair Callahan, Mitchell, Oswald, Schneider, Lipian

Other Council Members Present: Armstrong, President Stewart

Administration and Department Heads Present: Law Director Deery, Mayor Brubaker, Safety Service Dir Pyanowski, Finance Dir Pileski, Asst Finance Dir Farrell, Police Chief Pelko, Fire Chief Pronesti, Wastewater Supt Korzan, Asst Wastewater Supt Stewart, Water Team Leader Jacob, Public Works Supt Conner, Erik Breunig, Dean Marks, Brett Bevan

1. Approval of Finance Meeting Minutes from November 27th and December 11th, 2023.

Mr. Cerra moved and Mrs. Davis second to approve the said meeting minutes.

MOTION CARRIES

2. The matter of Inactive/Delinquent EPU Accounts to be certified to The Lorain County Auditor's Office. *[Standing Referral]*

Referred By: Public Works Supervisor Conner

Public Works Supt said this list is delinquent multi-unit accounts and the water is still on and tenants are still living in these units. These were approved by the EPU Resolution Board to have liens assessed to the properties.

Mrs. Davis asked about High Point in The Park and she asked if they are up to \$75,000 that they owe us?

Ms. Conner said the City recouped the previous amount of \$83,000 that was sent over for liens about 6 months ago. We got those funds when the property owner paid the taxes.

Law Dir Deery said this property is a problem. Her office and the administration are working on many issues with this property. Tenants are residing at the property and they are 'innocent bystanders' and the only other option is to shut the water off, but the tenants have paid the rent with the understanding that the utilities are part of the rent. Assessing liens is an option available to the City, though it's not immediate, they have been seeing results.

Mrs. Siwierka asked what is the percentage of uncollectible accounts at this time?

Supt Conner said the delinquency rate is about 5% over 60 days. They've recovered about 73% from the liens. There's a gap because the taxes get paid every 6 months and the City gets paid after the taxes get paid.

Mrs. Siwierka said there are a lot of repeat customers on this list and can we do something different to get their attention so we don't have to go thru this process. She asked if they pay extra fees when they pay their taxes?

Supt Conner said the City gets 100% back when they pay their taxes and there is a 3 or 4 percent charge the county assesses.

Mr. Schneider asked if we can implement a penalty to these entities who own these properties?

Law Dir Deery said that this has been discussed in the past and whether there should be a late charge regardless if it's multi-unit or single family. That is something Council could consider. That matter could go to Utilities Committee and Finance Committee.

Mrs. Siwierka said perhaps the billing system could add that right to the billing, with an aging amount so it would be automatic.

Supt Conner said yes, the billing system can do that, there is a provision in the rules where it can be added at any time. The wording is there in the billing for that fee to be added.

Mrs. Mitchell said when there are customers that are repeat offenders, they are the ones that should be penalized and charged a late fee. But everyday residents who are doing their best and occasionally get behind on their bills shouldn't be charged a late fee. Water bills are high enough as it is. We should think of residents who are not habitually late, but just late once in a while. Before we charge a late fee, we need to show some compassion.

Law Dir Deery said those are things that could be discussed and obviously there may be a difference between a day or two late and someone being 60 days late and habitually late. That can be part of the discussion in future committee meetings.

**Motion made by Mrs. Siwierka, second by Mr. Cerra authorizing a resolution for 'said' list of accounts be certified as liens to the Lorain County Auditor's Office.
MOTION CARRIES COMMITTEE REPORT WRITTEN**

3. The matter of a accepting the first optional year of the existing contract for Sludge Disposal with Lorain County Landfill, LLC.

Referred By: WWPC Supt. Korzan
[passed by Utilities Committee 1/3/2024]

Supt Korzan said this is annual housekeeping item. Last year they awarded the contract to Lorain County Landfill. We now have the option of picking up the first optional year of that contract. The cost currently is \$34.88 per wet ton and it will go up to \$36.29.

**Motion made by Mr. Cerra and second by Mr. Schneider to authorize an ordinance to enter into the said contract.
MOTION CARRIES COMMITTEE REPORT WRITTEN**

4. The matter of advertising for bids and to enter into a contract for Chemicals for the WWPC Plant for 2024 and 2025.

Referred By: WWPC Supt. Korzan
[passed by Utilities Committee 1/3/2024]

Supt Korzan said this is another annual housekeeping item. They go out annually to bid out chemical purchases for the plant and they request emergency clause so contracts can be drawn up. The current contract expires April 15th.

Motion made by Mr. Cerra and second by Mr. Schneider to authorize an ordinance to advertise for bids and enter into a contract to purchase 'said' chemicals.

MOTION CARRIES COMMITTEE REPORT WRITTEN

5. The matter of advertising for bids and to enter into a contract for Chemicals for the Water Pumping Plant for 2024 and 2025.

Referred By: Water Team Leader Jacob

[passed by Utilities Committee 1/3/2024]

Team Leader Jacob said this is an annual housekeeping matter as well. To go out for chemicals and also want it as an emergency since Water Pumping and Waste Water will go out for bids together.

Mrs. Siwierka asked if they still have just one source for that one chemical that has to come from Belgium?

Mr. Jacob said that was sodium silica fluoride and one year they got it from China and this year it is coming from Belgium.

Motion made by Mrs. Davis and second by Mr. Cerra to authorize an ordinance to advertise for bids and enter into a contract to purchase 'said' chemicals.

MOTION CARRIES COMMITTEE REPORT WRITTEN

6. The matter of applying for and accept if awarded, a grant from the Office of Criminal Justice (OCJS) for the 2024 Crime Reduction Grant Program.

Referred By: Police Chief Pelko

Chief Pelko said this is an ongoing grant that they have applied for in the past. Applications were submitted on January 4th and they are asking for \$90,000 in funds which will be used for cameras throughout the City and overtime for manpower. It is a 100% reimbursable grant. Emergency requested.

Fin Dir Pileski asked if this is ARPA money coming from the State?

Chief Pelko said no, it's not ARPA funds.

Mrs. Siwierka asked if this is competitive or automatic that we would get it?

Chief said they collaborate with the Northern Ohio Violent Crime Consortium which is made up of the seven major Police Departments in Northeast Ohio.

Motion made by Mrs. Davis and second by Mr. Cerra to authorize an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to apply for and accept the 'said' grant with no matching funds, emergency clause requested.

MOTION CARRIES COMMITTEE REPORT WRITTEN

7. The matter of agreement with McCaulley & Co. for grant writing and consulting services for 2024. Referred By: Former Safety Svc Dir Lundy

[Tabled from 11/13 & 11/27 Mtgs]

Chair Tollett said the City has generated several times our investment using these services.

Mayor Brubaker said the cost was going to increase for this year, but that did not happen and it will remain the same. He met with Mr. McCaulley and the Law office has a copy of the proposed contract. He said this will continue our grant writing capabilities. He also spoke with Finance Dir Farrell and they will no longer be doing the reporting and the Mayor's office will handle that from now on. The mayor asked that this be passed as an emergency.

Mrs. Siwierka asked if we spent \$120,000 in 2023 and are we going to spend another \$120,000 in 2024 or is this a continuation?

Finance Dir Farrell said they bill the City \$10,000 per month, so the whole \$120,000 has been paid to them for 2023.

Chair Tollett said they send quarterly reports to all members of Council as to what grants were written and applied for and how much was received, etc.

Mayor said he has asked for a detailed billing report on a regular basis.

Motion made by Mr. Cerra and second by Mrs. Siwierka to authorize an ordinance to authorize the Mayor to enter into the 'said' agreement. Emergency requested.

MOTION CARRIES COMMITTEE REPORT WRITTEN

8. The matter of entering into an Ambulance Service Agreement for the City.

Referred By: Former Safety Svc Dir Lundy

Chair Tollett said over the last several years the ambulance business has changed. Medicare and Medicaid funds have changed how reimbursement for this service. The company's operations have changed as well. The City received notice that the current ambulance service needed financial backing from the cities they operate in and to continue to operate in. The City is out of contract with them right now and we have until January 30th to decide. The City has been in discussion with Lifecare regarding an agreement.

Law Dir Breunig said we are currently out of contract with Lifecare. They have been providing ambulance service for the City for many years; since '70s and 80's. The landscape has changed. We are not the first that will have to pay for continued emergency services. Other cities have come to terms with Lifecare and other agreements. As agreements expire, Lifecare is requiring those cities to pay some sort of stipend in order to continue the services. The City has not had to pay for this service for decades. Some cities have agreed to pay Lifecare a flat fee for services. That was discussed and they had pushed back on the flat fee. We wanted to see some accountability and measurable date from Lifecare in order to justify the services. What was proposed to the City is to pay a flat fee of \$126.00 for each non-transport call. Lifecare does not receive reimbursement from any insurance if there is no transport. They show up at a scene and provide some life support services or maybe no services, depending on the call and what is needed. But, Lifecare has nothing in which to bill if they don't transport a patient and unfortunately that happens frequently.

Lifecares demand to us and other communities is based on being reimbursed for those 'no-transport' runs. The City's agreement the Law Dept has structured, subject to council's approval would be to pay Lifecare the amount of \$126.00 per no-transport run. Lifecare would still be responsible and accountable to us for the time in which it takes them to respond to medical calls. They will still be held to NFPA standards, a national organization that renders advice and standards on these things.

About a year ago, there was an RFP sent out for a new contract for a new ambulance service and there weren't any responses, except for Lifecare.

Lifecare is asking for a 5-year deal under this structure. We have until January 31st to respond, if we do not or come to terms, they may withdraw from servicing Elyria residents and as now, we have no back-up plan.

Chair Tollett said he would request this as a 3-year contract.

Law Dir Deery said the discussions that they have already had with Lifecare, they are firm on the five-years. There are provisions for terminating early on both sides.

Mr. Schneider asked how many non-transport calls there were in 2023?

Dir Breunig said there were approximately 3,900 non-transport calls in 2023.

Mrs. Davis spoke but, she did not have her microphone on and difficult to hear her comments. Some of what was audible was that Mrs. Davis feels those folks who call 911 for a non-emergency should be charged.

Chair Tollett said this is a nationwide problem. He asked the Fire Dept. about the standard response time that is required for a municipal ambulance service, which will go into this contract. He asked if the Fire Dept would have the capability through 911 to track that response time?

Fire Chief Pronesti said he can provide any kind of record from his department, but he does not have that information with a private company. That has been an ongoing issue with getting data.

Chair Tollett asked what the standard response time is?

Chief Pronesti said it's 4 minutes.

There are 2 types of calls in the medical field; emergency medical BLS, Basic Life Support and Advanced Life Support. The Elyria Fire Dept. responds on Advanced Life Support calls. Basic Life Support would be someone falling out of bed, it's a basic life support, a hemorrhage, a nose bleed, etc. Time standards are different based on that.

The department can be held to a standard of getting out of the building, getting to the scene.

With a private company, it's difficult to keep that kind of record, to get that continuance of data.

Chair Tollett said he thinks an additional request would be for them to give us detail on that billing and that would include response time. That is a contractual obligation. They could request that that be built into the billing portion of the agreement.

Law Dir Breunig said that should not be a problem. He doesn't anticipate any issues with requiring certain data as far as accounting for their services built into the contract.

He will absolutely require data in this contract. We want to have the ability to hold them accountable.

Mayor Brubaker asked what is the penalty if there is a breach and if those measurements are not being met?

Law Dir Breunig said that is to be worked out but they can come up with some kind of financial with the contract. There could be grounds to terminate that contract if they don't hold their end, but there has to be a plan. If we are insistent on getting this measurable data with Lifecare in the monthly bills, that we can stay on top of that and catch these problems early. We'll get the information and the data to the Chief that he needs to help us analyze it and we'll stay on top of it the best we can.

Chair Tollett said we are going to need guidance from the Fire Dept on this.

Mrs. Mitchell said that we need to keep in mind that Lifecare has been a good partner and this is about the residents of the City of Elyria. We cannot not have an ambulance service for our residents.

Chair Tollett said public safety is our number one priority. Now, we're taking tax payers dollars and sending it to Lifecare and we need detail for those funds.

Chief Pronesti said no one from the Fire Dept is bashing Lifecare, they provide a good service. What he needs to get across to everyone is that we need to understand the world has changed in the emergency medical way of life and our role has increased. He wanted to go on record to say that they are overworked and overwhelmed as many cities in the nation are. He thinks the volume of calls has increased beginning with covid, but it's also a generational thing. When we were growing up, you waited and just went to the doctor. Now, when anyone needs any kind of help, they call 911.

When someone calls 911 and they have a cold or the flu and they can't breathe, they can't understand what the problem is until they get there. That leads to a lot of calls that they respond with Lifecare. He needs everyone to reach out what they do as a service because there is so much misunderstanding about the fire department and their roll with EMS. Two things, they respond on 46% of all 911 calls which is because of the nature of the calls they receive. They only go on the Advanced Life Support calls.

Elyria Firemen are paramedics. They can deliver intravenous drugs, they can jump start your heart and send the EKG to the hospital. We have geographic fire stations that serve the wards in the community. Chief said he is proud to say he can deliver a paramedic with his patch on it within four to five minutes and those guys are awesome.

Mr. Oswald said he agrees with Mrs. Mitchell on Lifecare. When we realize how much work they are doing and they're not getting paid, we have to figure something out, which is what we're doing right now.

Mr. Stewart said he's been involved in the discussions. Lifecare is a longstanding company here and we appreciate their services. We're coming to a crossroads and of course public safety is important. The request for proposals went out the end of last year and initially we were talking about a 3-year commitment and now they want a 5-year commitment. After thinking about it, we don't know where the City is going to be at financially in five years. We don't even know what funds this will come out of. Those are his concerns.

We don't know what these costs are going to look like, if it's based on these numbers they're telling us, they did 4,000 calls, that's close to \$500,000. That's why he would stress the three-year commitment and see how things are going after each year so we can look at the numbers at that time.

Mrs. Siwierka asked if there would be a 'not to exceed' amount?

Law Dir Breunig said they will have to put a not to exceed number on it. Lifecare is okay if we put a \$400,000 cap on it. They have stressed that they want to get paid on their runs. If it looks like we may exceed that toward the end of the year we might have to come back and ask for an increase in the 'not to exceed' amount. So, there will be a not to exceed in the ordinance and in the contract, initially. That is to satisfy state law regarding contracts and appropriations, not to limit the amount of calls. Note: Lifecare has been nothing but cooperative every time he has asked for anything from them.

Dean Marks, President of Local 474 of Elyria Firefighters said that there is somehow this notion that the fire dept doesn't like working with Lifecare and that is completely the opposite. We're all hazard response departments. The days of just going on fires are long gone. They have paramedic pumpers and they do provide and have been supplementing Lifecare for years. They are here to support the public and do what they can to provide that service for the citizens. They do respond to ALS and there are multiple times that they do provide all the ALS treatment to the patient. The only thing the fire dept doesn't do is transport them and Lifecare gets that total bill. We're already supplementing them and will still continue to provide that service. Concern is no throwing more taxpayer dollars to them that there should be some kind of a checks and balance. 40% of the time there are multiple calls with the fire department and he has to send all of his units to a structure fire and that doesn't even meet this NFPA standard. Concern from the standpoint of the fire department is that if they're getting the subsidy and that's great, that they are still going to still provide multiple ambulances so that we know residents are receiving that service and the fire department will still supplement them.

Mrs. Siwierka asked for a ballpark for what we receive in tax revenue from Lifecare?

Finance Dir Pileski said the City receives about \$50,000 of income tax revenues from the employees of Lifecare.

Mrs. Siwierka said the initial ask is \$491,400. She asked if Lifecare is only responding out of the West Ave. station?

Chief said they run 3 ambulances from the West Ave. station. They run 4 from Reid Ave in Lorain and 1 ambulance in Vermilion and 1 ambulance in Amherst. He wants Lifecare to run 4 ambulances in Elyria because of the call volume. He said their total runs are around 9000 per year. Captain Bevan said they ran 8600 last year.

Mrs. Siwierka said they want the City to almost pay for 50% of their total run volume. She said this same issue came up 14 years ago when she was Chair of the Safety Committee, we've been kicking this down the road all this time. She said the City needs to start thinking about an alternative and come up with an alternative plan. She said neighboring communities are billing for this service and 14 years ago we had started to bill for EMS through the fire dept and that would have brought in \$800,000 to a million dollars a year in revenue. N Ridgeville, Avon, Avon Lake all bill for the service. She has made her position clear to many people, she cannot agree to a five-year agreement.

She would encourage her colleagues to stand fast to the three-year agreement. We can say, okay you've been a good partner and we're willing to do this but there's still some give and take left here.

Mr. Cerra said why can't there be something along the lines of a three-year with a couple year option as meet in the middle?

Law Dir Breunig said that was pitched and it was rejected.

Mrs. Siwierka asked who will review the bills; the fire dept, the chief, finance director, it's almost as if we need to have someone who will need to do this.

Mr. Stewart said that is something that will need to be determined once the agreement is finalized. There will have to be an understanding of what will be the expectation of both Lifecare and the City.

Chair Tollett reminded everyone that this is not just us, it's every community Lifecare works with and we have to decide how we're going to proceed, right now.

Marty Martinez, 358 Beebe Ave., Elyria.

Mr. Martinez said he was a medic in the service and he was trained to make quick decisions. He had an elderly neighbor who fell and he went to help her and he called her family and did not call 911. This issue needs to be monitored very closely. Some calls can be crank calls, some incidents need to be transported, it needs to be monitored. It needs to be paid for by someone. What about the commercial where someone who falls, just pushes the button and help arrives to help them us and assist them. We should look at how other cities are doing this since it's becoming a national issue, we should all work together.

Brett Bevan, EFD Lieutenant and EMS Coordinator and VP of Local 474.

He asked how we came to the amount of \$126 for a non-transport? The only thing they bring to non-transport is manpower and occasionally breathing treatment or sugar to a diabetic, these things are provided to the department from the Hospital.

So, the \$126 per trip and the roughly 3900 trips in a year comes to roughly \$400,000 total.

Chair Tollett said when Lifecare first came to the City, that is the amount they came up with. He wants an accountability process instead of writing a check. The first request was a flat fee for \$500,000. He asked for them to break this down into a per unit run. He took the 126 divided by 400 equates to just under nine non-transport calls per day.

That seemed high. They will find that out, because of the \$126 per call billing that we will now get details on each call.

Law Dir Deery said the \$126 represents the Medicare reimbursement rate for transport.

Last years were about \$497,000 of unreimbursed costs based on the data that was provided to us.

Lt. Bevan asked if Lifecare will be held to a standard of what they provide?

Under the old agreement they had to have three advanced life support ambulances. In Lorain they run basic life support transports and chase it with a paramedic. If they send a basic life support and they don't have a supervisor, he has to send a fireman to the hospital. If they start an IV, the patient has to be monitored all the way to the hospital, by a paramedic. If an BLS ambulance (Basic Life Support) arrives without a supervisor chaser, then an EFD paramedic has to arrive to go with the patient to the hospital and give the report to the doctor. That could prevent that fireman/paramedic to be available for another emergency or fire.

The City has three squads, but they have to be Advance Life Support squads., a paramedic has to monitor that patient for the entire ride.

Law Dir Deery said they would have to keep with the provisions of the previous contract. Bottom line is we will need to set expectations in this contract and measures to hold them to it.

Mrs. Siwierka asked if the \$126 will be a continuous amount within the 5 years or could that number change?

Law Dir Breunig said \$126 was a specific number that was thrown out by Lifecare, it's their offer. He has not seen a draft of the contract, but he will look for that to be a constant of \$126 throughout that contract.

Mrs. Siwierka said this is almost a half million dollars, just for this year. And will continue year after year. We need to know as much as we can and have it clear as can be on what's expected of the vendor and what's expected from us in order to provide the service.

Chair Tollett said they need to decide on a 3, 4- or 5-year contract.

Mr. Cerra asked how long have these negotiations have been going on?

Law Dir Deery said he's been in contact off and on with their attorney since earlier in the summer of '23. He's been in discussions with the previous administration, the Fire Chief's been involved as well as a few members of council on various occasions.

Mr. Cerra said he would recommend to go forward with whatever Mr. Breunig brings forward. He doesn't want this to fall completely apart.

Mr. Schneider asked if a not to exceed amount will be part of the agreement?

Chair Tollett said yes, the not to exceed amount is \$400,000.

Law Dir Breunig said the not to exceed to comply with Ohio Law on Municipal contracts, it's not intended to limit the amount of reimbursement they will eventually receive. If we need to raise the not to exceed amount to pay them for services that they performed without being paid, we will have to do that, or we risk them terminating the contract.

Mrs. Mitchell concurs with Mr. Cerra, should go with what Mr. Breunig's suggests, bottom line, this is about our residents. We cannot not have an ambulance service.

Mrs. Siwierka said since the hospital holds the pharmacy license for both Lifecare and the Fire Dept, has anyone had a conversation with the hospital?

Lt. Bevan said the hospital said if something were to happen and Lifecare backed out, they would make sure that the residents are covered. They will not let their medical direction fail, they have pledged their support. They are aware of these changes.

Mrs. Siwierka said that is an important part. They are responsible, if Lifecare or our Fire Dept did something wrong, it gets reviewed by the hospital, because the hospital reviews each call.

Lt. Bevan said Dr. Stinger is their medical director and he reviews all of the critical calls and medication usage.

Mrs. Davis said all of these years has been good to us and we haven't paid a dime. So, now there is a need, since things have changed. She asked what are we voting on tonight.

Chair Tollett said it is for the Mayor to enter into an ambulance service agreement for the City. This will be a new contract with Lifecare and set at not to exceed \$400,000. The City pays them \$126 for every call they don't transport a patient. The start date hasn't been decided, but it will be in the agreement.

Mayor Brubaker said we have a deadline and he has confidence with Mr. Breunig to finalize this agreement. We can't wait until January 31st to figure out what our back-up plan is. Keep in mind we are putting our guys on those squads, which could add personal on shifts, there could be other parameters that could come into play on that. We all have to understand what our roles will be. It's up to this body if it would be a 3, 4- or 5-year contract.

Mr. Breunig wants the essential terms set by this committee. He appreciates their confidence in allowing him to negotiate. He takes his direction from council. He has given his opinion that Lifecare will only accept a five-year deal. Essential terms are what he's basing his authority on when he goes to their attorney to finalize the contract.

Mrs. Siwierka asked if the committee report will support the Law Director in negotiating this contract? She said she will vote no if it's for a five-year contract. She encourages a three-year contract with a one or two option. We don't even know what the reimbursement will be going forward. She said she is very reticent in her agreement that we need to do something now. It's been 14 years of discussion. But, five years is too long, with all the unknowns.

Mr. Cerra asked Mrs. Siwierka thought if the amount of \$126 would drop after 3 years, instead of go up. if we did the five-year at \$126, that gives us an extra two years to come up with a plan and figure out how we'll pay for it.

Mrs. Siwierka said if we're going to do this agreement, we do it for three years, then we immediately start figuring out what the next steps are to provide service.

Mrs. Mitchell asked Mr. Breunig that didn't he say that Lifecare would only do a five-year contract?

Mr. Breunig said he speaks with their attorneys and there are general parameters around which they are making these discussions, for the most part, they have to say, 'let me take that back to my client'. Their attorney has a strong impression that they would only take a 5-year deal and Mr. Breunig has the strong impression that this committee would prefer a 3-year deal. Anything can happen. Is the committee prepared to let them call our bluff?

Mr. Schneider said he has concerns that if we do the 3-year, that the rate could be substantially higher for the following 2 or 3 years after that.

Chair Tollett read the committee report and asked for a motion:

Mrs. Siwierka asked where the money will come out of?

Finance Dir Pileski said that will be a General Fund expenditure.

Motion made by Mr. Cerra and second by Mr. Schneider to authorize an ordinance to authorize the Mayor to enter into the ‘said’ agreement, emergency clause.

4 – AYES 1 – NAY (Siwierka)

MOTION CARRIES COMMITTEE REPORT WRITTEN

9. The matter of creating a new Capital Project Fund.

Referred By: Finance Director Pileski

Finance Dir Pileski said there is one Ohio Public Works Commission project that is almost done, it's the Abbe Rd., from Chestnut Ridge to University for the amount paid directly to the vendors by the Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC). Though they pay it, the City has to still flow it through our books as a revenue and expense so this fund will account for those transactions.

Motion made by Mrs. Siwierka, second by Mrs. Davis to authorize an ordinance to authorize the Finance Director to create the ‘said’ project fund, emergency clause.

MOTION CARRIED COMMITTEE REPORT WRITTEN

10. The matter of Amendments to the 2024 Temporary Appropriations.

[Standing Referral] Referred By: Finance Directors Pileski and Farrell

There were no amendments this evening.

Mrs. Siwierka asked if the City is still assuming the service fees on credit card payments when residents pay for their water bill, is the City still eating those fees?

Finance Dir Pileski said that is handled in that office and he didn't know the answer to that question and Mrs. Conner had already left the meeting.

Mr. Cerra moved and second by Mrs. Davis to adjourn this evening's Finance Meeting at 8:00 P.M.

MOTION CARRIES

Respectfully Submitted by,

Colleen Rosado, Secretary/Administrative Assistant