Purpose of Finance & Administrative Services Committee: To enable the City Council to discuss and evaluate in greater detail these specific issues that directly impact the financial and organizational strength of the City of Cedar Rapids.

City Council Committee Members:
Council member Scott Overland, Chair
Council member Ann Poe, absent
Council member Scott Olson
Sandi Fowler
  • Mayor Brad Hart is an ex-officio member of all Council Committees per City Charter Section 2.06.

Agenda – meeting called to order at 4:30pm

1. Approve Minutes from Last Meeting (November 2017) – Minutes were approved as distributed.
2. Review Financial Information –
   • There was a slight increase in overtime for Joint Communications, Building Services, as well as Public Works due to low staffing and snow removal.
   • The health expense for Public Safety increased due to injuries and annual physicals.
   • The City is refunding $32m in debt.
3. Quaker Oats Construction Contract - Flood Insurance (Rob Davis) – Looking to replace the existing wall and upgrade the pump station. During construction, the City will mitigate risk by having only 170 ft. of floodwall removed at a time and having Hesco barriers in place. Construction will not occur during high-risk flood time, which is April to July. Only one pump station will be out of service at a time. Sand and extra barriers must be on the construction site. During construction, Quaker is asking the City pay the $5m insurance deductible if flooding were to occur due to the floodwall being open. Work is currently under way on options to present at the first Council meeting in February on how to cover this deductible.
4. Administration Charges - City Internal Service Charges (Casey Drew) – Presentation given over the history of the City’s use of Administration Charges (presentation included in attachments).

5. Items for Future Agendas

   Meeting adjourned at 5:14pm

Public Comment: (2 minutes per person, total maximum of 10 minutes per meeting)
Outstanding Items Update:
None

Future Topics:

Any discussion, feedback or recommendation by Committee member(s) should not be construed or understood to be an action or decision by or for the Cedar Rapids City Council. Further, any recommendation(s) the Committee may make to the City Council is based on information possessed by the Committee at that point in time.

Anyone who requires an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication, or a modification of policies or procedures to participate in a City program, service, or activity, should contact Casey Drew at 319-286-5097 or email c.drew@cedar-rapids.org as soon as possible but no later than 48 hours before the event.