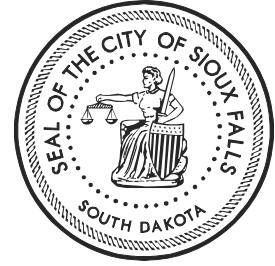


MINUTES

November 5, 2007



Fiscal Committee

5:00 p.m.
Carnegie Town Hall
235 W. 10th Street

Members Present: Committee Chair – J. Pat Costello, Gerald Beninga, Vernon Brown, Kevin Kavanaugh

Staff Present: Debra Owen, City Clerk and Jamie L. Palmer, Assistant City Clerk

Guests: Mike Cooper, Director of Planning & Building Services; Shawna Goldammer, Urban Planner; Bob Jamison, City Council; Kermit Staggers, City Council; Bob Litz, City Council; Gary Colwill, City Attorney; De Knudson, City Council; Jonathan Ellis, Argus Leader

1. Call To Order

Committee Chair Costello called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Brown and seconded by Kavanaugh to approve the minutes of September 4, 2007 and October 1, 2007 as written. Costello called for a voice vote on the motion. All members voted yes.

3. Reports and Updates

A. Proposed Legislation regarding the issuance of additional liquor licenses Mike Cooper, Director of Planning & Building Services

Costello reported that he met with Mayor Munson, Debra Owen, Gary Colwill, Mike Cooper, Yvonne Taylor, and Tim Dougherty earlier this afternoon to discuss liquor licenses. The Municipal League proposal is to issue a second class of liquor licenses that would not be allowed to have video lottery, issued at half the price of the existing license fees, and be non-transferrable except to another owner only at that location. It is hearsay from Costello that the Governor is opposed to this proposal because it doesn't compensate the existing license holders and it precludes video lottery. Discussion followed.

B. Waterbill Inserts Debra A. Owen, City Clerk/Chief of Staff

Owen discussed the possibility of utilizing a waterbill insert to promote the new online access to City Council meetings. A sample insert and pricing information were shared. Brown commented that it is always a good idea to inform the public on how to access city government and suggested leaving the decision up to the City Clerk/Chief of Staff. All other members agreed.

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C. ICMA Performance Measurement Program

Debra A. Owen, City Clerk/Chief of Staff

Owen discussed some different options in relation to performance measurement. She stated that ICMA also offers a membership to municipality managers at a cost of approximately \$300.00 and is requesting permission to apply for the membership. The membership allows access to an E-library and an ICMA Gov Search which would be a great resource for the Council. Costello stated that if the City Clerk feels that there is value to the membership she should try it for a year. Kavanaugh agreed.

Discussion followed relating to the dollar amount or the point at which it is necessary for the City Clerk to seek direction/approval from Council Leadership. Owen stated that anytime we purchase/spend anything out of the ordinary, approval is sought from Council Leadership. All members strongly urge that a policy be developed that clearly states when the City Clerk needs to seek direction for spending.

4. Open Discussion

Beninga commented on the revenue projections information provided by Eugene Rowenhorst. In the last quarter of every year since 2002 through 2006, the tax revenues have been in the area of 35-37%.

5. Adjournment at 5:30 p.m.

A motion was made by Kavanaugh and seconded by Beninga to adjourn the meeting at 5:30 p.m. Costello called for a voice vote on the motion. All members voted yes.

Jamie L. Palmer
Assistant City Clerk