



**Office of Jim Grafton**  
**City Administrator ▪ Public Works Director**

Date: 11-20-18

Re: Finance Meeting

Attendance: Mayor Carter, Rick Lohse, Bob Rockwell, Kathy Hall, Tony Trulson, Ian Pavelonis, Larry York, Chief Winters, Jim Nelson, Jim Grafton

Location: City Hall 121 11<sup>th</sup> Street

Chairman Lohse called the meeting to order at 6:02pm and noted a quorum was present for three agenda items.

The first item was discussion of the Azavar Government Solutions. Chairman Lohse explained that Azavar Government Solutions would review taxes that were collected by the City of Silvis for the past three years and identify funds that were not collected (if any). The firm would collect 40% of the amount that was 'found' and the City would receive 60%. There is no charge for the service and this is a three year agreement. Chairman Lohse noted that several of the local communities are already participating. The Alderman asked about the process of the audit. Committee was agreeable to move forward with the recommendation and the item would be placed on the November 20<sup>th</sup> COW agenda.

The next agenda item was discussion on the Supplemental Appropriations Ordinance. Chairman Lohse explained that the purpose of the ordinance is to adjust various funds that were approved in the Annual Appropriations Ordinance for the fiscal year beginning May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018. Two sections would be adjusted; Police Department due to QCOMM; an increase of \$200,000. The second adjustment would be allocations for some of the TIF funds; the land purchase for the Stone property and a development agreement was entered with UTHS Building Trades to construct a new home. The total appropriation would change from \$19,373,500 to \$19,747,000. Committee was in agreement to move forward with the Supplemental Appropriations Ordinance and the item would be placed on the November 20<sup>th</sup> COW agenda.

The last agenda item was discussion of the Rock Island Animal Control shelter. Chairman Lohse explained that the county approached the city last April requesting assistance to fund the operating costs for the RICO Animal shelter. At the time they were looking for a per capita amount of \$1.50 (7586 population) or \$11,379. Chairman Lohse said that this is not a budgeted item. Other cities have offered a flat amount; \$5,000 to \$10,000 per year. Chairman Lohse asked for suggestions. Committee was agreeable to make a one-time contribution of \$1,500 and the mayor added that we should make this part of the budget for next year. The item would be placed on the November 20<sup>th</sup> COW agenda. There were no other agenda items and the meeting was adjourned at 6:14pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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