

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Manier at 5:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Gary Manier, Alderman Lili Stevens

Also Present: Finance Director Joanie Baxter, Treasurer Abbey Strubhar, Planning and Development Director Jon Oliphant, Brittany Miller – Davis & Campbell

1. Non-member Aldermen Wishing to be Heard on Non-Agenda Item: *None*
2. Citizens Wishing to be Heard on Non-Agenda Item: *None*
3. Approval of Minutes from August 16, 2021 Meeting: *Alderman Stevens made a motion to approve minutes, seconded by Mayor Manier. Motion approved.*

4. Business Items:

A. TIF Funding Request – Jake Webber, Country Financial, 105 Washington Square

A request for TIF assistance was reviewed for Jake Webber in conjunction with his complete interior and exterior building improvements to the space he will be moving his office to at 105 Washington Square. The intent of the improvements would be to restore it close to its original 1920's appearance consistent with the adjacent 109 Washington Square property occupied by Lucky Charlie. Two quotes were submitted and calculations were made for both 30% and 40% subsidies. A request was also made for 50% of the assistance to be received shortly after approval of the redevelopment agreement.

Comments: The Committee expressed interest in the proposal; however, did not come to an agreement on an amount or the request for the upfront assistance. Mayor Manier made a motion, seconded by Alderman Stevens to direct Staff to take the item to Committee of the Whole in November for further discussion and evaluation. Motion carried.

B. TIF Funding Request – Sentimental Journey, 123 Washington Square

A request for TIF assistance was reviewed for Sentimental Journey in conjunction with the complete interior and exterior building improvements for the business located at 123 Washington Square. The project would be done with Kris Hasten as the general contractor and business staff helping with tear down and set up. Multiple quotes were received and both 30% and 40% subsidies were discussed.

Comments: The Committee unanimously agreed to recommend the City Council approve a 40% subsidy for Sentimental Journey in the amount of \$36,199.03. Motion made by Mayor Manier and seconded by Alderman Stevens. Motion carried.

5. Other Business:

- a) Alderman Stevens asked about Chair for Finance & Personnel Committee now that Alderman Cobb has resigned. Mayor Manier said a decision would be made shortly.
- b) Alderman Stevens requested job descriptions be brought to Finance & Personnel Committee for the HR Manager and Communications Specialist if these positions are being combined. Finance Director Baxter indicated that our Communications Specialist has agreed to also take on duties of the HR Manager but it is premature to indicate if one of the positions can be eliminated.
- c) Alderman Stevens asked about personal use of City Vehicles. In regard to contract employees, this is an issue addressed by the contract.
- d) Alderman Stevens asked about the Post Office parking lot. Planning & Development Director Oliphant indicated that the City is trying to coordinate the property owner and Post Office to come to an agreement on shared use.
- e) Alderman Stevens asked about the Washington 223 farm lease and Oliphant indicated that the lease expires on 12/31/2021 and Staff will be bringing this issue to the City in the near future for direction.

6. Adjournment: *Motion approved by Mayor Manier and seconded by Alderman Stevens. Meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.*