City of Hoopeston

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

3:15 p.m., November 10, 2020

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In attendance from the Finance Committee were Bill Goodwine, Lourdine Florek and Jeff Wise. Also in attendance were Mayor Crusinberry, Brad Hardcastle, Robin Lawson and Edye Bookwalter.

Tax Levy:

Chairman Goodwine reviewed the Police Pension challenge and the need to increase the Police Pension levy. He then presented 5 approaches to the Tax Levy, including freezing the levy at last year’s rates (due to the financial issues facing some residents caused by COVID-19). After discussion the Finance Committee unanimously supported a 3.0% increase that froze all rates (excluding offsetting adjustments to Unemployment Insurance and Liability Insurance) but raising the Police Pension levy by $25,000.

Downtown Buildings:

Mayor Crusinberry updated the downtown building situations

Bzzz’s Bar- Court next week

Countryside Mall- citation sent

Hoopeston Plumbing and Heating- certified letters sent, 2 undeliverable and 1 refused

East Maple Street House

The house has an interested neighbor but the cost to demolish it is a multiple of the resulting empty lot value. The Finance Committee is to come up with solutions.

Residential Solar System Ordinance

A possible need for a residential solar system ordinance was discussed.

Covid-19

Brad Hardcastle updated the Committee on city responses to Covid-19.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Goodwine, Finance Committee Chairman