

FINANCE

Tuesday, March 28, 2017 – 5:30 p.m.

Police Training Room – Olean Municipal Building

Present: Members: Chairman Dougherty, Vice Chairman Crawford, Alderman Witte, Alderman Andreano, Alderman Gonzalez, Alderman Smith, and Alderman George. Others: Mayor William Aiello; Al Utecht, City Clerk; Nicholas DiCerbo, Jr., City Attorney; Fred Saradin, City Auditor; Mary George, Community Development Program Coordinator; Tom Windus, Director of Public Works; Gregg Piechota, City Assessor; Jeff Rowley, Police Chief; Jason Wells, IT Department; Ed Jennings, Code Enforcement Supervisor, and Tiffany Taylor, Managerial Confidential Administrative Secretary.

1. Roll Call

Alderman Dougherty called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and asked that the record show that all committee members were present.

2. Unfinished Business

a. PL #15-17: (Aiello) Budget 2017-2018.

Mayor Aiello stated that the Council had given him some direction when leaving the meeting last night. Through working with Mr. Saradin and the Department Heads, they were able to come up with about \$450,000 in final cuts, requiring only \$150,000 from surplus for the budget. He expects to present the budget by the end of the week to the Aldermen, reflecting the new cuts. He would like to go over the final cuts with the Department Heads prior to this.

Alderman Gonzalez thanked the Mayor and Department Heads for doing this for the Council. Alderman Smith questioned if a list of the cuts could be provided in addition to the budget so that the Aldermen don't need to go line by line comparing to the original proposed budget, and Mayor Aiello stated that he could do that.

Alderman Crawford questioned if the new budget only took into account the cuts, or if it also showed additional revenue from fee increases. Mayor Aiello stated that he did not put any of the potential additional revenue from fee increases into the budget.

Mayor Aiello stated that he needs to give credit to the Department Heads. It has been a difficult couple of weeks, and he feels that we have met the objective. He mentioned that he is slightly off of the requested \$450,000, and that there are \$446,000 in cuts with \$154,000 coming from surplus. The Council did not dispute this figure.

Alderman Gonzalez stated that he wants to echo the Mayor's statement regarding the Department Heads. A lot of people were worried about their jobs and the budget. He feels that we made smart decisions with the cuts and that we will be better off in the long term. Alderman Witte added a thank you to the Council for working together in making the difficult decisions that the position requires.

A plan was set to have one final meeting to discuss the budget in a week on April 4th, followed by a special meeting for a budget vote. Also, a public hearing was set for April 11th to be followed by a vote for the proposed water and sewer rate increases of .00018 cents per gallon and .00045 cents per gallon, respectively.

A motion to postpone PL #15-17 to the next Finance Committee meeting was made by Alderman Dougherty, seconded by Alderman George. Voice vote, ayes all. Motion carried.

3. New Referrals for Consideration

None

4. Approval of Committee Reports

None

5. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Andreano, seconded by Alderman Smith. Voice vote, ayes all. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at approximately 5:45 p.m.