

Meeting Minutes
Finance & Personnel Committee
Wednesday – November 8, 2017 - 4:00 p.m. - Council Chambers

Members present: Morack, Barrington, Faucher, and O’Connell. Tate was excused.

Also present: Mayor Henke, Administrator Hager, Alderman Ron Steinhorst, Municipal Attorney Earl Luaders, Paul Hanlon, and Scott Bellile, *New London Press Star*.

1. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Morack. Motion made by O’Connell and seconded by Faucher to approve the agenda. Carried 4-0.
2. Municipal Attorney Luaders updated the Committee on the status of the legal action the City has taken to clean up the former Simmons property. The property has recently been sold to Hilker Warehousing, LLC. Earl and Paul met with the new owner and they agreed to follow up on the necessary clean-up with the timeline laid out for compliance by the City.
3. Municipal Attorney Luaders has prepared an agreement with Jeff Handschke regarding his default on the development agreement for the Handschke subdivision. The agreement requires that all roads need to be completed with curb and gutter prior to any lot being sold. Jeff will be signing the agreement and the agreement will then be recorded.
4. The Committee reviewed the draft ordinance that will implement changes to the compensation for the Mayor, Alderpersons and for citizen members of the Parks & Recreation Committee and the Economic Development Committee. It was noted that under this pay plan rather than being paid a monthly stipend, pay will be based more so on attendance. After considerable discussion, a motion was made by Faucher and seconded by Morack to recommend to Council approval of the ordinance. Carried 4-0.
5. The wheel tax has been previously approved by City Council and is set to take effect on January 1, 2018. The Committee reviewed the implementation of the tax and how the funds can be expended which is for a rather broad definition of “transportation related purposes.” The Committee agreed that they would like to require that the wheel tax funds be strictly utilized for road and sidewalk purposes only and not on any other transportation related purpose. Passage of a policy or resolution to accomplish this will be considered in the future.
6. The final 2018 City Budget Ordinance was reviewed. A motion was made by O’Connell and seconded by Faucher to recommend to Council the adoption of the 2018 Budget Ordinance. Carried 4-0.
7. The Administrator’s report was discussed and the budget reports were reviewed.
8. The December Finance and Personnel Committee meeting will be held on the regular date and time next month, that being Wednesday, December 6th at 4:00 pm. There being no public comment or further business, O’Connell/Faucher to adjourn. Committee adjourned at 4:47 p.m.