

**Finance Committee**  
**Monday, April 26, 2021**  
**6:00 p.m. Medina City Hall – Rotunda**

**In attendance:** J. Coyne – Chairman, E. Heffinger, P. Rose, J. Shields, B. Lamb, J. Hazeltine and Dennie Simpson.

**Also present:** Mayor Hanwell, Greg Huber, Patrick Patton, Nino Piccoli, Keith Dirham, Chief Kinney, Chief Walters, Cindy Lastuka, Kathy Patton, Jansen Wehrley, Jonathan Mendel, and Amanda Gordon (Bond Counsel).

1. Assignment of Requests for Council Action

2. 21-081-4/26 – Debt Refinancing and New Debt Issuance

Mr. Dirham stated Amanda Gordon our bond counsel is present. We can only refinance at a call date. We are at a call date and this is the portion that is refunding. 10% net value savings comes to a little over a million dollars. Projected savings based on current rates, and this refinancing is going to save us about \$100,000.00 a year in debt payment services going forward. Mr. Patton supplied Keith Dirham with a list of potential street reconstruction projects we could use the \$7 million on.

Mr. Coyne asked Ms. Gordon what other communities around us are doing. Amanda stated they are seeing the same thing happening. They are encouraging their clients with Capital Improvement plans that they have to really try and take advantage of the structure right now. We are Aa1 Moody rated which is the second highest available. Mr. Coyne had a concern about if we will be able to spend all the money on all these small projects, will they have the manpower to get them done. Mayor Hanwell stated we have two engineers, we can use the money, it's just we can't do it all in-house. Mr. Shields moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Motion passed 7-0.

3. 21-082-4/26 – Application for Federal Grant Funds – State Road Reconstruction

Mr. Patton stated Congressman Gonzales's office reached out to us to see if we had any projects that we might be interested in getting some of the Federal earmarks that are being discussed now. The next project up is State Road and that is what we suggested. We received a letter endorsing the project from NOACA. We are asking for \$4.4 million dollars, our largest street grant so far. The city's portion would be \$1.8 million. Total project cost \$6.3 million. Mayor Hanwell stated they need something from the city saying we would commit to the matching share of 30%, so it was passed emergency Board of Control subject to council. Mr. Shields moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Motion passed 7-0.

4. 21-083-4/26 – Donation 25 Dell Computers to Medina City Schools

Mayor Hanwell stated the city cycles these out and we have donated to the schools before. These computers were four to five years old and we have a regular replacement cycle. These are still valuable enough that the schools can get more use from them. The city would get pennies on the dollar if they went the auction route. The Mayor stated they will check with all three schools and rotate the donations with all three. Mr. Shields will abstain from voting due to his employment at MCS. Mr. Shields moved to approve with the emergency clause, seconded by

Mr. Simpson. Motion passed 6-1abs.

5. 21-084-4/26 – Accepting D.A.R.E. Vehicle Donation - Police

Chief Kinney stated that Rick Stickland from South of the Square Collision has a vehicle that was crashed and abandoned at this business that he would like to fix up and donate to the Police Department for use as a D.A.R.E. vehicle. Mr. Shields moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Motion passed 7-0

6. 21-085-4/26 – Convert Part-Time Code Enforcement Inspector to Full-time

Mr. Mendel stated the current person in this position is resigning and this is his last week. With that departure, we evaluated the needs for code enforcement and inspecting throughout the city and determined there is current and future need for a full-time position within the Community Development Department. Jonathon explained the position and duties.

Between Planning, Zoning and Building there is a significant amount of carryforward. This was recommended by Civil Service. Mayor Hanwell asked that the high grass enforcement be shifted to this person versus the Service Director for the 6 to 7 months out of the year. Mr. Huber stated if in fact this job is going to take on duties concerning grass and some other things that Nino includes, we need to change this job description that is attached to this. Mr. Shields moved to approve subject to the final approval of the Law Director on the job description, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Motion passes 7-0.

7. 21-086-4/26 – Armstrong Internet Access Line Agreement – Municipal Court

Cindy Lastuka stated the Medina Municipal Court would like to get in partnership with Armstrong to increase their internet. They need an increase in speed and to open the broadband. Mr. Shields moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Motion passed 7-0.

8. 21-087-4/26 – ODOT Traffic Signal Maintenance Agreements

Patrick stated the Finance committee approved a traffic signal maintenance agreement with ODOT and the city at SR 42 & Grande. He has since received notification to modify that agreement. In order for them to pay us what our invoice is they want to modify this agreement as well as the Foote Rd. & SR 18 agreement (only for the next 2 months on the Foote Rd. & SR 18). Mr. Shields moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Motion passed 7-0.

9. 21-088-4/26 – Expenditure Over \$15,000 – Wintrow Construction – Engineering

Mr. Patton stated a couple of maintenance issues have come in on our Railroad. They found a couple spots where our rail exceeded the allowable limits, and we are compelled to fix that. Mr. Shields moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Motion passed 7-0.

10. 21-089-4/26 – Increase P.O. #2021-1040 – Absolute Construction – CHIP Grant

Mr. Mendel stated this is a P.O. increase to a CHIP project that was already approved. During tear off of the roof there was substantial substrate rot and that needed to be replaced. Mr. Shields moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Motion passed 7-0.

11. 21-090-4/26 – Approve MCRC Sponsorship Banner – Howard Hanna

Mr. Wehrley stated this is a one-year renewal of a sponsorship banner. Mr. Shields will be abstaining his vote. Mr. Simpson moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Rose. Motion Passed 6-1 abs. (JS).

12. 21-091-4/26 – Accept (1) One Easement – N. Broadway Bridge Replacement

Mr. Patton stated they will need three easements for this project and this is one of them and they are still pursuing the other two. Mr. Shields moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Motion passed 7-0.

13. Executive Session: (land acquisition)

It was moved by Mr. Shields and seconded by Mr. Simpson to enter into Executive Session at 6:53 p.m. to include the Mayor, the Law Director and City Engineer to consider the purchase of property for public purposes or the sale of property at competitive bidding because premature disclosure would give an unfair competitive or bargaining advantage to a person who's personal, private interest is averse to the general public interest. The roll was called and motion passed by the yeas votes of B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, J. Hazeltine, and E. Heffinger.

Executive Session adjourned at 7:06 p.m. The Finance Committee reconvened, and there being no further business, the Finance Committee adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

John M. Coyne, Chairman