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Finance Committee
Met on 2/9/22 and 2/15/22
Topic: use of ARPA funds

Present: Alderman Doenges, Talbott, Gillam and Davis
Also present; Mayor Allaire, Treasure Markowski, Chair Whitcomb, Chief Lovett, Chief Killcullen, Andrew Strniste, Alderman DePoy and Alderman Neary, Alderman Savage

First discussion was the premium pay for city employees and additional premium for police department. After much discussion the committee tabled the request and the issue will remain in committee for further discussion.

Second discussion was in regards to the ARPA final rule. Treasure Markowski informed the committee that the 4.4 million dollars will be added to the general fund as revenue lost due to covid. The expense will show as payroll for general government spending as unrestricted fund balance which dictated by charter gives the board authority to spend. The final rule decisions now make all proposals acceptable. No application process is needed and the unrestricted fund balance will be earmarked for approved projects.

No action was needed at the 2/9 meeting information only.

2/15/22

The committee heard from Andrew Strniste, Treasure Markowski and Chief Killcullen regarding the need for improved IT services and energy efficiencies in city hall and the police station.

The Chief spoke regarding the needs at the police station and how some areas of the building are at 50 degrees and require space heaters for employee to work in the areas. Andrew presented a copy of the work needed to be done in city hall from a document created by Efficiency Vermont. The committee discussed the need and felt some work had been completed and we needed to see another energy audit done with accurate costs and the they study was 2 years old. The committee also discussed what funding could be had from program before spending ARPA funds. Andrew and Treasure Markowski to investigate and get back to the committee.

The next discussion was the need for IT services and IT upgrades. IT services would be a contractual issue and is it better served as a budget item? Andrew reviewed cost from Dominion Tech and Tech group. The cost was in different tiers depending on the cities needs. He felt the cost could be 50-60 thousand annually and currently the city spends approximately 156,000. thousand. There were a number of unknown so the committee discussed the formation of an ad hoc committee appointed by the chair to fully vet what is needed and the cost. What should be budget , what savings we will see and what ARPA funds will be needed.

Motion : to approve the request to seek RFP managed IT service contract and I so move.

Motion: to approve the 20,000.00 dollars request to upgrade the Rutland City website and I so move.

Motion: to authorize the Chair to establish and ad hoc committee to look and the IT needs of the city to calculate cots and savings and i so move.
The committee adjourned at 645pm

Submitted to the Board

Sharon Davis, Chair

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