

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Tuesday October 7, 2025

6:30 pm at CITY HALL

405 Jewel Street

MINUTES



Finance Members: Richard Evans, Jane Fude, Bob Chapman

Others Invited: Meagan Buchda and Mayor Dan Wegener

Also Present: Hunter Karnitz

1. The Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm and roll call was taken.
2. J. Fude / B. Chapman motioned to approve the agenda. Motion carried.
3. B. Chapman / J. Fude motioned to approve the September 3, 2025 minutes. Motion carried.
4. Public Comment: None.
5. [Review, Discuss, and Possibly Approve Moving the Remaining Funds allocated for 2025 for the Tennis Court replacement to be placed into the 2026 budget for a Capital purchase of a Storage Shed at the Wild Goose Park.](#)

The Capital Budget Commitment for Tennis Court Resurfacing was \$13,200. It was completed under budget for \$5,960. The Recreation Committee would like to use the savings of \$7,240 toward purchasing a Storage Shed for Wild Goose Park. Hunter Karnitz reported that the shed could possibly be used as a Concession Stand. He estimated the total cost at around \$10,000.

J. Fude / R. Evans motioned to approve the applying the savings of \$7,240 from the Tennis Court Resurfacing toward the 2026 Budget for the Purchase of a Storage Shed for Wild Goose Park.

Motion Carried 3-0.

6. [Review, Discuss, and Possibly Approve the 2026 Health Insurance Contribution.](#)

The Joint Personnel Committee reviewed and approved the Health Plan Proposals for 2026. Network Health will increase by 2 percent and Dean Health will increase by about 15 percent. There will be no change in Vision and Dental Insurance cost.

J. Fude / B. Chapman motioned to approve 2026 Health Insurance Plan.
Motion carried 3-0.

7. [Review, Discuss, and Possibly Approve the 2026 Wage Scale.](#)

The Committee reviewed the Proposed 2026 Wage Scale that includes the 3% Wage Increase that was previously approved.

J.Fude / B. Chapman motioned to approve the 2026 Wage Scale.
Motion carried 3-0.

8. [Review, Discuss, and Possibly Approve the 2026 Department Budgets.](#)

Meagan reviewed the Department Budgets with the Committee.

J. Fude / R. Evans motioned to approve the Department Budgets as reviewed.
Motion carried 3-0.

9. [Review, Discuss, and Possibly Approve Increasing the Pay Rate for Department Heads, Committee Members, and Commission Members for Monthly Meetings.](#)

The current pay rate for meetings is \$40 per diem. The last increase was enacted in 2017. An increase would only be applied when a new term is started.

B. Chapman / J. Fude motioned to increase the pay rate for meetings to \$50 per diem effective as follows:

Elected Officials – increase to be effective upon expiration of their current elected term and / or upon the election of new officials.

Department Heads – increase to be effective after the Spring Election (April 7, 2026).

Appointed Officials – Increase to be effective after the Spring Election (April 7, 2026).

Motion carried 3-0.

10. [Review, Discuss, and Possibly Approve Increasing the Annual Base Pay for all Firefighter Positions at \\$100.00 pr Position.](#)

There has been no change in annual pay since 2006.

J. Fude / B. Chapman motioned to increase by \$100 the annual base pay for all Firefighter positions.
Motion carried 3-0.

11. [Review, Discuss, and Possibly Approve the Purchase of a Watering Tank for DPW.](#)

DPW is requesting approval for the purchase of a Watering Tank System. It would include a 300-gallon tank and pump on a skid and be used to water flowerpots and newly planted trees around the city. The cost is \$4,925.

J. Fude / B. Chapman motioned to approve the purchase of a Watering Tank System from Contree Sprayer & Equipment Company, LLC for \$4,925 using ARPA Funds.

Motion carried 3-0.

12. Old Business: None

13. New Business: None

14. Set Date and Time for Next Meeting: Finance – November 4, 2025, at 6:30 pm.

15. R. Evans / B. Chapman motioned to Adjourn Meeting at 7:31 pm.

Motion carried.

Minutes Reported By:

Richard Evans