

FINANCE COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

*401 Davis Avenue
City Hall, Council Chambers
September 7, 2023
12 p.m.*

Present were Committee Members: M. Hinchman and R. Chenoweth.

Also present were: Jerry Marco (mayor), Mike Kesecker (operations manager), Gerry Roberts (city attorney), Tracy Judy (treasurer), Steve Himes (fire chief), Travis Bennett (police chief), Jeremy Deighan (communications), and Sutton Stokes (city clerk).

Committee member C. Lowther was absent.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Kathy Vance, of 122 Second Street, spoke in opposition to reimbursements being provided to Davis Avenue business owners.

MINUTES

Chenoweth **MOVED APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF JUNE 6, 2023.** The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Phil Gainer Community Center gym roof repair quotes

C. Lee, manager of the Phil Gainer Community Center, presented information about repairs needed for the facility's gym roof and a proposal received from Appalachian Renovations Roofing and Sheet Metal. EPRC is requesting the city fund this repair. The committee deferred action until further research concerning bid amounts and grant funding could be performed.

b. City hall HVAC project funding

Kesecker and Judy presented updated information concerning the ongoing HVAC project in city hall.

Chenoweth **MOVED RECOMMENDING COUNCIL AUTHORIZE USE OF AS MUCH AS \$250,000 FROM THE FINANCIAL STABILIZATION FUND FOR THE CITY HALL HVAC PROJECT.** The motion carried.

c. Davis Avenue business owners compensation request

Katie Driver, owner of Mossy Merchant on Davis Avenue, read a statement representing businesses on the block of Davis Avenue between Second and Third Street requesting monetary and other compensation for road closures related to the Tygart Hotel construction project. The request included a payment of \$5,000 per business. Driver and representatives of Byrd's Donuts, Mycellium, and Clementine's Closet presented information about the effects of the closure on their business revenues.

The committee took no action on this agenda item.

The meeting adjourned at 12:48 p.m.

The foregoing minutes were approved at the meeting of Oct. 9, 2023.

Mike Hinchman
Name & Title Chair

Mike Hinchman
Signature