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THIS MEETING WAS HELD IN HYBRID FORM (Council members and visitors in Chambers and all others REMOTELY VIA ZOOM)

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting held February 6, at 7:00 P.M. Present in Council Chambers were Chairman Heberling, Mr. Dembinski, Mr. Janik, Mr. Wachholz, Ms. Smith, Mr. Winiarski, and Mayor Costilow. Present via ZOOM were President Wasilk, Law Director Pecora, Assistant Law Director Ward, Safety/Service Director Jeffreys and Auditor Pittak and Treasurer Ramsey. Mr. Cowger was absent and had a letter on file. Mr. Dembinski motioned to excuse Mr. Cowger as he has a letter on file. Seconded by Mr. Janik. Voice vote 6-0 to excuse.

A-23-05 New position of seasonal part-time employee for tax season only

Mr. Ramsey explained the reason for the request. Mr. Winiarski asked about the cost to hire this person. Mr. Ramsey said it should not cost more than \$6,000 for the year. Ms. Smith asked about overtime. Mr. Ramsey said there are only two people working in the office and he does not think they want to work or are able to work overtime. This job was not posted. He explained the potential employee's qualifications. Mr. Ramsey answered additional question asked by Ms. Smith. Mr. Winiarski asked if this position can be filled without posting it. Mr. Pecora did not think it was necessary. Mr. Ramsey answered additional questions asked by Mr. Winiarski.

Mr. Dembinski questioned about the cost projections. Mr. Ramsey said this comes from the conversation he had with Mrs. Kemp. Mr. Dembinski said now that we can file on line, that should reduce the work load. Could this affect our city going on RITA?

Mr. Janik asked if this potential employee reached out to him or to his other employees for this job? He did not know. Mrs. Kemp referred her. Mr. Janik asked about hiring an intern for the office. Mr. Ramsey said there would be a training issue. Mr. Janik feels we are heading for recession and he is concerned that once we pass this position, other offices may want additional hires.

Mr. Janik asked the Mayor to speak to this. Mayor Costilow said he can't speak to the need in that department. There are many needs in our city that he is turning down as our city is growing. He has put a freeze on hiring anyone in his departments. Mr. Ramsey said no additional equipment would be needed and he offered that \$6,000 be taken from his salary.

Mr. Wachholz motioned to amend this that this be only for the 2022 tax season. Seconded by Mr. Janik. Voice vote 6-0 to amend.

Mr. Ramsey asked for the emergency clause be added to the legislation. Mr. Wachholz motioned to add the emergency clause. Seconded by Ms. Smith. Voice vote 6-0 to add the emergency clause.

Mr. Wachholz motioned to send this to the floor of Council. Seconded by Ms. Smith. A discussion ensued. Mr. Winiarski spoke to being prepared and asked that several questions be answered by our next meeting. Mr. Dembinski asked for the job description. Voice vote 6-0 to send this to the floor of council

Mr. Dembinski motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Wachholz. Voice vote 6-0 to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 7:44 P. M.

Martin Heberling, Chairman
Executive Committee