

**Observer:** Sue Calder

**Aldermen Present:** Fleming (chair), Rue Simmons, Rainey, Suffredin

**Staff Present:** Leonard, Stoneback, Richardson, Desai, Cummins. Stowe, King, Biggs, Flax

**Media Present:** Roundtable

**Meeting Began.** 4:35 pm

**Meeting Ended:** 5:30 pm

### **Consent agenda approved**

Fleming announced that since Council had a heavy agenda, she would not read the items on the consent agenda but items could be taken off for discussion.

#### **Approved For Action**

- \*A-1 Suffredin asked this to be split into two votes. Payroll was approved. Suffredin voted no because of the insurance item. It was pointed out that Reid had still not responded to a \$5,000 overage and before this could be approved Council needed a response.
- \*A-2 Desai introduced the auditor who had a brief report. The audit was clean and he pointed out that as of 12/31/19 investment income was up. Report was placed on file.
- \*A-3 MWEBE For those who need upgrades \$2500 would be given to be able to work at home and \$3500 would be granted to improve bricks/mortar businesses.
- \*A-8 Improvements to the Waste Transfer Station will probably be done in 2021; Com Ed owns 90% of the (narrow) alley and staff is still negotiating.
- \*A-9 Fleming asked why the extension of no late fees be only until 8/1. Staff explained that was the date picked by the state, which collects other utilities. Fleming moved to change the extension to 9/1 with a shut off date of April for those who are not paying. Payment plans can be made to avoid a shutoff.

#### **For Consideration**

- \* A-11 An additional \$400,000 will be put towards Robert Crown due to the poor quality of the soil; although the contingency fund would cover this, the item is taking too much out of that fund. There will be more discussion at Council.
- \*A-12 The state will require an extension of no evictions until 8/23 for both public and private landlords. Concern for small landlords who need to pay bills. One stated that the courts will probably not immediately except eviction cases as there are so many. Motion to hold this was approved.
- \*A-13 (I have no notes on this.)
- \*A14 The state has extended a state of emergency until 8/10. Fleming and Suffredin voted no and Rainey and Rue-Simmons voted aye. The decision was to send this to Council.