

Personnel & Finance Committee
February 27, 2017

Present: Committee Members Larmore, Clausen, and Sovinski; Council President King; Council Members Buxton, LeJeune, Scott and Fleck, Auditor Strawn; Director Hitchcock; Public Works Superintendent Joe Wolfe; Electric Distribution Superintendent Mike Mertz; Water Treatment Plant Superintendent Mike Sudman; Kevin Sandler, WCSM Radio; and Bill Kincaid, The Daily Standard.

Committee Chairman Larmore called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Director Hitchcock explained a fee schedule covering all City fees was combined to one spreadsheet. Administration has found that some of the fees were not authorized by Ordinance.

CM Clausen asked if the Montgomery Field fee's jump from \$50.00 to \$230.00 should be phased in over a few years. Director Hitchcock explained with the maintenance and replacement costs for Montgomery Field, the fees need to match the expenses. CM LeJeune stated the Lake Campus team uses the field, and the tax payers should not be subsidizing a private university. Director Hitchcock reported the high school baseball team plays on the baseball field and is not being charged. Administration is not proposing to start charging the school because they contribute to the upkeep of the field. This fee would be for anyone who is playing on the field with the exception of the Celina School.

Director Hitchcock reported the pool manager is requesting a special pool price for the veterans/Seniors 55 and over and asked for Council members' opinions. There are so many broken families, with Grandparents raising kids, divorces and blended families. Ideas are being brainstormed, but no decisions have yet been made.

Director Hitchcock explained the overall goal is every year the fees be reviewed and approved by Council.

Director Hitchcock reported the water tap is made by the City of Celina. The City charges a sewer inspection fee. The sewer tap is installed by the contractors, therefore Administration is suggesting to eliminate the tap fee. CM Sovinski explained the sewer tap fee was originally put in place to cover the infrastructure cost.

Joe Wolfe reported he spoke with the athletic director at Wright State Lake Campus. They have offered to have their facility maintenance workers prepare the field themselves. The college girls league played at a college field last year, but is looking to play at one of the City park diamonds. Joe explained he does not always have the manpower to get diamonds ready in the spring. The City could grate them, and let the college line the diamonds. CM Sovinski suggested a possible \$25.00 discount for the organizations that do the prep work for their games. Joe Wolf explained the majority of the \$230.00 fee for Montgomery Field was based on the replacement costs of sections of the field.

CM Clausen asked if the police officer rental increase will cause the festivals not to use the City. Chief Wale explained that security is charged for just the festivals that serve alcohol. The \$25.00 current fee does not cover the officer's wages. The increase will not cover their benefits, just the wages.

CM Sovinski asked if an equipment usage rental fee is still in use. Director Hitchcock explained it is listed as equipment billing rate.

The Fee Schedule will be finalized and be brought back to Council for approval through an Ordinance.

Chairman Larmore adjourned the meeting at 6:57 pm.

Submitted by Joan S. Wurster, Clerk of Council