

Finance Committee

10/20/2022

Topic: ARPA funds review – outstanding requests.

Members present: Davis, Savage, Talbott, Whitcomb

Others present: Mayor Allaire, President Doenges, Alderman Barbagallo, Alderman Gillam, Alderman Depoy, Jim Rotondo, Chief Kilcullen, Treasurer Markowski, Chief Lovett, Andrew Strinste.

Meeting called to order at 5:30pm.

The committee first looked at ARPA requests that were believed to not require immediate funding, believed there to be alternative funding sources, or did not believe represented an immediate need for Rutland City.

Not funded:

- The committee opted to not fund downtown city wifi in the amount \$300,000. The importance of the project was noted by the committee and it was recommended that alternative funding sources should be sought first. It was also noted that downtown wifi should likely coincide with the future development of Center Street.
- The committee opted to not fund the waste water treatment plant roof replacement in the amount \$400,000. It was noted that the need was not immediate and that this project could be addressed through the capital improvement program and the creation of a capital improvement fund.
- The committee opted to not fund the correlator to locate leak valves in the amount of \$20,000. Commissioner Rotondo indicated he could add this into his budget.
- The committee opted to not fund the PD ADA compliance project in the amount of \$60,000. The request will remain open as the CAIR committee works to identify possible grants associated with ADA upgrades.
- The committee opted to not fund the \$25,000 PD heat pump request as Chief Kilcullen cited that this could be applied to the operating budget.
- The committee opted to not fund the \$200,000 water treatment plant land acquisition request.
- The committee opted to not fund the \$300,000 water distribution Chaplin avenue main replacement.
- The committee opted not to fund the \$50,000 city hall building upgrades at this time.
- The committee opted to not take up the \$80,000 request for city employee premium pay.

Funded:

- Alderman Talbott made a motion to fund the parking meters in the amount of \$100,000. The motion passed 4-0.
- Alderman Talbott made a motion to fund \$50,000 of the \$500,000 request for center street utilities/infrastructure to be put toward an engineering study. Motion passed 4-0. The committee discussed that that further funding would be needed toward the center street project as it progressed.
- Alderwoman Davis made a motion to approve an additional \$10,000 to the IT – Full service managed service provider. The motion passed 4-0.
- Alderman Whitcomb made a motion to approve the \$40,000 request for PD dispatch upgrades to workstations. The motion passed 4-0.

- Alderman Whitcomb made a motion to assign up to \$200,000 for the PD HVAC upgrades – controls. The motion passed 4-0.
- Alderman Whitcomb a made a motion to fund the DPW street request for the street sweeper in the amount of \$325,000 and the loader in the amount of \$300,000. The motion passed 4-0.
- Alderwoman Davis made a motion to approve the \$24,000 request for PD officer premium pay. The motion passed 3-1.
- Alderman Savage made a motion to approve \$125,000 for the fire air-pack requests. The motioned passed 4-0.

The meeting adjourned at 6:45pm.