

Tracy Kapusta

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Finance Committee

Met 8/23/23 at 5:30pm

Members present: Alderman Barbagallo, Adams, Savage and Chair Davis

Others present: Alderman Cupoli, President Talbott, Mayor Doenges, Treasure Markowski and Chief Lovett. Also present was Ellie McGarry for the Methodist church.

First Topic for discussion was the request from Companions for Wholeness for 15,000.00 dollars to continue to feed the homeless and those in need in Rutland county.

Mrs. McGarry informed the committee of the continued need for the services. She stated her numbers have increased as well since the flood.

Companions for Wholeness is a 501C3 associated with the Rutland United Methodist Church. She does receive some funding from the church and other partners in the area. She has received grants as well. Beside food, clothing is also available and they have services from the Rutland Free Clinic and the Vermont Department of Health that are offered.

They also receive donations for the Vermont food bank, local food bank and fresh vegetables for the Farmers food center.

The last donation from the city was 7,500.00 dollars one time for Mayor Allaire's contingency fund. Mayor Doenges felt he was unable at this time to commit any funds at this time due to a number of requests pending. He also stated he had upcoming meetings with the state and would share he need for funding.

The committee offered options to Mrs. McGarry such as all area churches hold a special collection Sunday and profits to go this cause. They could also obtain signatures to go on the city ballot.

The committee thanked her for all she has done for the community and took no action.

This is for information only.

Next Topic:

Opioids funds and usage

The city has received approximerntly 150,000.00 to date. The city will receive around 25,000,00 dollars for the next 15 years and then 5,000.00 yearly. Lawsuits are still pending and these amounts may be subject to change

The Opioid fund regulations are precise and appear can only be used for Treatment, education and prevention in relation to opioid disorder. If the funds are incorrectly used then the city would have to pay then back.

It was suggested that we reach out to someone who is experienced in this issues. A professional who Can look at it from the "Rutland" perspective and know where the gaps exists in treatment and education and prevention. The Mayor will explore those possibilities.

The issue will remain in committee and this is for information only.

Last Topic:

Request for funding for the decontamination shower for Chief Lovett.

The committee felt this did not meet the criteria for the opioids funds. The Mayor felt he could take approximately 8,000.00 dollars to complete the shower.

No motion was required.

Committee adjourned at 6:20pm

Submitted to the board

Sharon Davis, Chair