

The Minutes were amended to note that Alderman Hrastich is the chairman and Mr. Sawicki is a member.

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE  
OF THE CITY OF SUNSET HILLS, MISSOURI  
HELD ON MONDAY, AUGUST 31, 2009

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Finance Committee of the City of Sunset Hills, Missouri met in regular session at City Hall Quarters, 3939 S. Lindbergh Blvd., in said City on Monday, August 31, 2009. The meeting convened at 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present:	Michael Sawicki	-Chairman
	Michael Fitzgerald	-Member
	Patricia Fribis	-Member
	Thomas Hrastich	-Member
	Laura Rider	-Ex Officio Member
Absent:	Kerry Borawski	-Member

It should be noted that Mayor Svoboda and Alderman Hardy were also present.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Copies of the Minutes of the August 17, 2009 meeting were distributed to the members for their review. Mr. Sawicki made a motion to approve the Minutes as submitted. Alderman Fribis seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

**2009 BUDGET EXECUTION REVIEW**

- Public Works – Anne Lamitola, City Engineer

Mrs. Lamitola stated that she took into consideration a variety of things when preparing the 2009 projected budget including the expenses through July 31<sup>st</sup>, the 2008 expenses throughout the entire year; the project list and what needs to be completed and how far projects have progressed. There are three expense accounts with a variance exceeding \$10,000. The gas/oil category was based on the 2008 higher fuel costs and the current fuel prices are lower; the storm sewer construction category is under the budgeted amount. The current variance exceeding \$10,000 for insurance is due to a decrease in costs for Worker's Compensation Insurance and there was not an increase in costs for general liability and property insurance. However, there is an open claim regarding general liability. The engineering/surveying category is currently under budget. She advised that a grant has been received to assist with the construction of one of the projects. Funds may need to be

reallocated to the engineering/surveying category to 2010; however, this is not known at this time. It is anticipated that the budgeted funds in the Proposition P category for storm water and the budgeted funds for the Old Gravois Road project will be spent by the end of the year.

After general discussion, Mrs. Lamitola left the meeting.

- Parks & Recreation – Gerald Brown, Director

Mr. Brown stated that this year is the first year the maintenance employees kept track of the time they spend at the pool, the parks and the athletic fields. Currently, the category of Minnie Ha Ha Park is under budget by \$19,000 which is due to weather and the parking lot was just finished this month.

Mr. Brown stated that Proposition P – Engineering/Surveying is over budget based on professional fees for the community center and the aquatic facility; however, there was a budget amendment and this account will be reimbursed.

Mr. Brown explained that the Parks Department is attempting to save money by removing the trees in-house for construction of the new pool.

Mr. Brown stated the pool equipment category is under budget; it has been a fortunate year and there have not been major problems.

Mr. Brown stated the Capital Improvement/Ground Maintenance category is under budget due to a timing issue.

Mr. Brown stated that the ball field income is not at the projected amount; however it is anticipated the income will increase as there are fees that will be paid such as fall leagues, tournaments and a kick ball league.

There was discussion about the possibility of serving beer at the concession stands at the athletic fields. Mr. Brown stated it would generate revenue; however there are liability issues that need to be considered as well.

Mr. Brown left the meeting.

- Public Safety – William LaGrand, Chief of Police

Chief LaGrand stated there is a discrepancy in the salaries due to an employee being suspended without pay. The gas/oil category was budgeted for \$3 a gallon for gasoline; however, the price of gasoline decreased in 2009. Chief LaGrand stated he would like an additional purchase of equipment. The members advised Chief LaGrand to bring the request to the Board of Aldermen.

Alderman Hrastich suggested the Department Heads meet like last year to present a balanced budget. There will not be a salary increase for Consumer Price Index in 2010; a decision for the salary increases will be made by the Board of Aldermen. In addition, the revenue for 2010 will be flat with this year's projected revenue.

Chief LaGrand left the meeting.

- Revenue, Administration – Laura Rider, City Clerk

The members discussed revenue projections for 2009 and consideration of leaving the sales tax revenue projections for 2010 flat with 2009. It was pointed out that the Committee should carefully watch expenditures in the event that revenues decrease in 2010. The projected revenue for 2009 is under the budgeted amount.

The members requested Mrs. Rider to electronically send the proposed budget to the members one week prior to their next meeting.

**NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 30, 2009.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Alderman Fribis made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:02 p.m. Mr. Sawicki seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Recording Secretary,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Laurie Sanneman".

Laurie Sanneman