

## FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

August 21, 2017

A regular meeting of the City of Jackson Finance Committee was held in the Council Chambers of City Hall at 5:15 p.m. on August 21, 2017 with the following persons present: Finance Committee members Dave Cushman, Brandon Finck and Mayor Wayne Walter, City Administrator Jennifer Bromeland and Recording Secretary Dave Maschoff. (A quorum of the Finance Committee was present.)

### **REVIEW PRELIMINARY TAX LEVY AND 2018 BUDGET/REVIEW ORGANIZATIONAL BUDGET REQUESTS**

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City Administrator Bromeland provided information to the Finance Committee regarding the preliminary 2018 tax levy and City budget.

Cushman noted whatever the City Council sets as the preliminary tax levy in September; it can still be lowered but cannot be raised before the final budget is adopted in December.

Bromeland reviewed the preliminary 2018 tax levy and the amounts in the various City budget funds compared to the final 2017 tax levy. She noted the difference is a \$92,478 increase in the preliminary 2018 levy compared to the final 2017 tax levy. Bromeland also pointed out the difference in abatements in the preliminary 2018 budget is down \$5,495 compared to 2017.

Bromeland also outlined the organizational budget requests for 2018 from the Jackson Center for the Arts, Celebration Committee, Chamber of Commerce, Cemetery Association, Fort Belmont Foundation and JCC Summer Recreation. She said all of them are the same organizations that requested funding for 2017.

Finance Committee members reviewed and discussed the organizational budget requests for 2018. The 2018 funding requests included \$18,000 for the Jackson Center for the Arts, \$1,550 for the Celebration Committee, \$13,500 for the Chamber of Commerce, \$10,000 for the Cemetery Association, \$10,000 for the Fort Belmont Foundation and \$6,500 from the JCC Summer Recreation Program.

Following review, the consensus of the Finance Committee was to recommend to the City Council that organizational funding remain at 2017 levels except for the Celebration Committee and Chamber of Commerce whose funding requests for 2018 were less than the year before. The Finance Committee recommended funding for 2018 of \$10,000 to the Jackson Center for the Arts, \$1,550 to the Celebration Committee, \$13,500 to the Chamber of Commerce, \$5,500 to the Cemetery Association, \$9,000 to the Fort Belmont Foundation and \$6,500 to the JCC Summer Recreation Program.

It was noted the Celebration Committee requested \$1,550 for 2018 compared to \$2,500 in 2017 and the Chamber of Commerce requested \$13,500 for 2018 compared to \$15,500 in 2017.

Bromeland said she would put the Finance Committee's recommendation regarding the organizational funding and 6.4 percent preliminary tax levy increase on the upcoming City Council agenda.

Finck noted recommending the preliminary 6.4 percent tax levy increase is not committing the City to that increase. He said it just keeps the option open as review of the 2018 budget continues.

Bromeland said she would email possible dates and times to the Finance Committee members to decide when they would want to meet again to continue discussing the proposed 2018 City budget.

**With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.**

  
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David A. Maschoff, Recording Secretary