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**FINANCE, LEGAL & AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**AUGUST 15, 2017**  
**7:00 PM**

**PRESENT:** Aldermen Elliott, Dewitt, Garfield, Cahoe, Barragree, Hoffmann, Alderwomen Ulfers and Foster and Mayor Allhands

Alderman Elliott opened the meeting at 7:00 pm. **Alderman Dewitt makes a motion to recommend to the Council to accept the July Treasurer report and Alderwoman Ulfers seconded. Roll call carried 8-0.**

There were no transfers to be made.

Ordinance #2478- rental housing was discussed. There was a lengthy discussion about putting this ordinance in to action. It was discussed should everyone be put in it or just look back at past history from the residences to see who has had trouble. Absentee landlords/managers were also discussed. It was decided to break into a smaller group and go over the proposed ordinance and bring back suggestions to the full committee. Monna, Rob, Rick, Chief Douglas and Building Inspector Thom Webster were names that should be on the smaller committee.

Ordinance #2479 –Municipal Court was discussed. Mayor Allhands stated this is not going to be a new revenue source as it will probably break even. It will cost approximately \$500-\$600 each time for the court. There will need to be an adjudication officer, someone to record and one Police Officer (part time, full time or auxiliary) in attendance. Mayor Allhands also stated maybe once this was up and running other communities would like to also go in with the City. It was discussed the fine amounts need to be increased. There was short discussion concerning where the funds will come from and what line item the proceeds will go into. **Alderman Garfield makes a motion to move forward with Ordinance #2479 and Alderman Barragree seconded. Roll call carried 9-0.**

Alderman Elliott stated the committee has a copy of a quote for an outside message center to display agendas, minutes, etc. The quote was from Kirby Built for \$1387.85. Alderman Hoffmann stated there needs to be more quotes gotten. He will do this and bring them back to the full Council next Tuesday.

Alderman Garfield stated everyone needs to be thinking about water/sewer rates. It was discussed a year ago the City was going to consider taking back the system when ERH's contract is up. Mayor Allhands stated Robinson has put out a blind ad for a water operator.

Is was also discussed the City has not gotten a bill yet from the new City Attorney Joe Cainkar.

Mayor Allhands reminded the committee to be looking at list of fines that Momence uses. This will be discussed again next month.

**Alderwoman Ufers makes a motion to adjourn at 7:32 and Alderman Elliott seconded. Roll call carried 9-0.**

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Rick Elliott, Chairman