

MINUTES

**FINANCE & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE OF THE
CITY OF PLYMOUTH, WISCONSIN
128 SMITH STREET
TUESDAY FEBRUARY 22, 2022**

- 1. Call to order and roll call:** Finance & Personnel Committee Chair Nelson called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. On call of the roll, the following members were present: Jim Wilson, Mayor Donald Pohlman, Greg Hildebrand, Amy Odekirk and John Nelson. Also present were Alder. Angie Matzdorf, Alder. Charlie Hansen, Interim City Administrator/Utilities Manager Cathy Austin, City Clerk Anna Voigt, Police Chief Jeff Tauscheck and Fire Chief Ryan Pafford.
- 2. Approval of meeting minutes for January 11, 2022 meeting:** Motion was made by Pohlman/Hildebrand to approve the minutes from January 11, 2022. A unanimous aye vote was cast. Motion carries.
- 3. Discussion of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds:** Interim Administrator/Utilities Manager Austin started the discussion by explaining what we know so far about the ARPA funds. In January 2022 the Department of Treasurer ruled ARPA funds can be used for revenue loss using one of two options. Recipients can elect a standard allowance of up to \$10 million to spend on government services through the life of the program, which greatly simplifies the program for smaller recipients, like the City of Plymouth. The second option is to calculate actual revenue loss according to the Treasury formula. Recipients that claim funds for revenue loss can spend the funds on government services like road maintenance or public safety services. Austin recommends claiming all funds as revenue loss except for a few projects that have been done for the library and the possible purchase of air packs for the Fire Department. Austin also mentioned that there could be more infrastructure grants available in the future.
- 4. Discussion and Possible Recommendation on Purchase of Fire Department SCBA (Air packs) with Funding Coming from ARPA Funds:** Interim Administrator/Utilities Manager Austin stated that the air packs the Fire Department is requesting would be considered an allowable use for the ARPA funds. Chief Pafford added the air packs are one of the most basic tools in the fire service. They allow firefighters to breath clean air within an atmosphere that cannot support human life without them. The current air packs that are being used are 18 years old and are at the point of failure. On average the fire department is spending \$3,600 a year for repairs. Chief Pafford noted that there has been an 8% increase on the original amount quoted. Making the quoted amount \$173,520.00 for 31 air packs. Motion was made by Hildebrand/Odekirk to recommend the purchase of fire department SCBA gear with funding from ARPA Funds in the amount of \$173,520.00. Motion was amended to recommend the purchase of fire department SCBA gear with funding from ARPA Funds in the amount of approximately \$175,000.00. Upon the call of the roll, all voted aye. Motion carries.
- 5. Adjournment:** Motion was made by Pohlman/Odekirk to adjourn the meeting. A unanimous aye vote was cast. Motion carries.