

The **Finance & General Government Committee Special Meeting** was held on Thursday, December 2, 2021 beginning at 10:00 a.m., in the City Council Meeting Room, 104 East Illinois, Vinita, Oklahoma. Public notice of the meeting was given by posting the agenda at City Hall on November 30, 2021, at 10:00 a.m.
Stephanie Hoskin, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

MEETING MINUTES

1. Roll Call – Members present: Kevin Wofford, Stephanie Hoskin, Skip Briley. Absent: Roger Tyler.

2. Discussion, consideration and possible recommendation on ARPA Funds.

Water and Sewer Committee meet November 29, 2021 requested 3 projects that could be used for the ARPA funds designated to the City of Vinita.

1. Trane Media at WTP for \$180,000.00
2. Rag removal system/Muffin Monster at the WWTP for \$250,000.00
3. 300-400 Block of N Gunter Water Line replacement for \$105,600.00

Motion by Briley, seconded by Wofford, to recommend items 1, 2, and 3 to the City Council agenda. Motion: Passed.

Another item that is being looked at is Premium Pay for Essential Workers. Questions asked were who are the essential workers....the city employees are considered essential. Working around people and handling items from the public.

First step is set a policy in place. Would this be monthly or hourly pay?
Need a classification for salaried employees

OK State statute sets it retroactive pay can begin as of March 2021. There would be taxes and retirement benefits included.

Need to sign a ARPA Payment sheet noting that each employee understands that this is a temporary form of Payment for essential work.

No action taken on Premium Pay.

3. Discussion, consideration and possible recommendation for 2022 Health Benefits.

Brannon Green our insurance Broker sent in our renewal quote from BCBS at a 19% increase. After several conversations with the Broker and BCBS the City was able to get 10% overall increase with the same plan that the City currently has. This increase of \$64,306.08 for the year. The city is prepared to pick up the additional cost 100% like they did in 2021.

Motion by Wofford, seconded by Briley, to recommend to the City Council to renew the BCBS 2022 Plan with the City absorbing the increase 100%. Motion: Passed

4. New Business.

None

5. Adjourned at 10:32 a.m.

Motion by Wofford, seconded by Briley, to adjourn Motion: Passed


Brian Prince, City Clerk