

**CITY OF SPARTA
FINANCE AGENDA
May 5, 2021**

CITY HALL

6:00 P.M.

- 1. Call Meeting to Order**
- 2. Consent Agenda: Consisting of minutes of the regular meeting on April 7, 2021.**
- 3. Consideration of Tourism Funds**
Boys & Girls Club – 21st Annual Stampede - \$1,000.00
- 4. Consideration of Crossing Guard Pay**
- 5. Discussion/Consideration of Exceeding Levy Limit for 2022.**
- 6. Items for Future Consideration**
- 7. Adjourn**

A possible quorum of the Common Council may be in attendance at this meeting but no action will be taken by the Council.

Posted: 5-4-2021

CITY OF SPARTA
FINANCE MINUTES
April 7, 2021

PRESENT: Kevin Riley, Norm Stanek, Josh Lydon

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Mark Sund, Todd Fahning, Barb Marnach, Heidi Prestwood, Matthew Hoffland

Kevin Riley called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Josh Lydon and seconded by Norm Stanek to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of the minutes of the regular meeting of March 3, 2021. Motion carried 3-0.

Barb Marnach submitted a bill to the City for reimbursement in the amount of \$425.00 which represents the amount she had to pay a plumber to clear a plugged sewer line. Barb lives at 208 N K Street and early in March she had a plugged sewer line. She also communicated with Dale from our sewer department. He indicated that there were large roots in the main that had to be cut through. This address will go on the monthly jetting list until this road comes up for repair.

Heidi from the Sparta Area Chamber of Commerce is submitting the following requests from the tourist fund for the Concert in the Park series:

\$600.00 for Old Soul Society

\$600.00 for the band Home Grown Tomatoes

\$1500.00 for New Piano Guys, a dueling piano act

A motion was made by Norm Stanek and seconded by Josh Lydon to approve the requests from the Sparta Chamber of Commerce in the amount of \$2700.00 for the Concert in the Park Series. Motion carried 3-0.

Todd presented a letter and Request for Proposals that will be going out to interested parties in the old Sparta Police Department. A question came up regarding no parking in front of the police department at this time. If the new purchaser would need parking in front of the building, it can be addressed at that time. The deadline for interested parties is June 14, 2021 which will be a scheduled tour. **A motion was made by Josh Lydon and seconded by Norm Stanek to approve the RFP as presented for the old Sparta Police Department. Motion carried 3-0.**

There were no items for future consideration.

A motion was made by Josh Lydon and seconded by Norm Stanek to adjourn at 6:13 p.m. Motion carried 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Julie Hanson, City Clerk

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4/26/2021

Hello!

I am writing on behalf of the Boys & Girls Club of Sparta to request tourism dollars for our upcoming 21st Annual Sparta Stampede. The Stampede has become an integral fundraiser for our Club's operating budget. On average, we have over 400 runners and walkers participate in this family friendly race each year. Based on data we have collected on our race participants from 2016 through 2019 we can demonstrate 32 % of attendees are outside the 54656 zip code. (2020's live event was cancelled.)

These people are visiting and enjoying their time in Sparta and spending money while in town. Visitors are dining out; staying at hotels, campgrounds and B & B's; shopping locally; riding our bike trails; and enjoying Butterfest. While we are hosting the event for our local Boys & Girls Club programming, we are also proud to be helping commerce in the city where our youth and teens live.

We are asking for the city's help in securing funds in the amount of \$1000, through the tourism dollars set aside to help businesses such as our Boys & Girls Club. This request will be a match from the sponsors of our annual event and will be used to help offset the event's expenses. In addition to marketing our local sponsors on our website and our Facebook page, we plan on promoting the Sparta Stampede at local hotels, motels and campgrounds, as well as at the Farmer's Markets, local gyms and the Chamber of Commerce. If appropriate, we would be happy to include the City of Sparta in our marketing materials and platforms.

Thank you for taking the time to consider our proposal. The Sparta Stampede Committee and I feel confident that our fundraiser is an asset to our city. Families can enjoy the outdoors together, participate in something healthy for both their minds and bodies and feel good about helping raise money for the Boys & Girls Club of Sparta.

Respectfully,

Jennifer Simunich,
Executive Director