

**CITY OF SPARTA
FINANCE AGENDA
August 9, 2021**

CITY HALL

6:00 P.M.

- 1. Call Meeting to Order**
- 2. Consent Agenda: Consisting of minutes of the regular meeting on July 7, 2021.**
- 3. Update of Audit Review**
- 4. Items for Future Consideration**
- 5. 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: 8-6-2021

CITY OF SPARTA
FINANCE MINUTES
July 7, 2021

PRESENT: Kevin Riley, Josh Lydon, Matthew Hoffland

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Mark Sund, Reinhard Mueller, Heidi Prestwood, Jim Church, Booker Ferguson, Pat Mulvaney, Emilee Nottestad, citizen

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

A motion was made by Josh Lydon and seconded by Matthew Hoffland to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of the minutes of the regular meeting of June 9, 2021. Motion carried 3-0.

Reinhard Mueller is requesting (in behalf of the Farmer's Market) \$500.00 to offset the cost of one side of sun shades for Mueller Square from the Tourism fund. The Sparta Small Business Generator has pledged matching funds for the second side. These will help shade the sun for the Farmer's Market or for any function going on in the Square. **A motion was made by Josh Lydon and seconded by Matthew Hoffland to approve the \$500.00 requested by the Farmer's Market for sun shades in Mueller Square. Motion carried 3-0.**

The City of Sparta will receive approximately \$1,029,000 from the Federal Government as aid from the American Recovery Act Funds. The City will be looking for ideas to spend this money within the 3 years allowed. We received a list of possible eligible uses that these funds could be used towards, but the Treasury Department still hasn't finalized the list nor the exact rules. Heidi Prestwood, Chamber Director, is requesting that some of these funds go towards purchasing the building owned by A Healthy Touch for \$139,000 and is downtown. Heidi and Beau Burlingame both presented proposals at the last Council meeting to purchase the old police station on Oak Street. They presented their plans and then the Council was to make a decision. The decision ended up in a tie so a decision was not made that evening. If the Chamber could get the Healthy Touch building, they would be downtown, this item is on the eligible list, and if accepted by Council, she would pull her proposal for the old police station. This location was also looked at by the previous Chamber Director for a possible site downtown. They would apply for a grant from the State and also apply to the City for a facade loan. Jim Church didn't feel that the Council should pay the whole amount to purchase this building for the Chamber. They should pay back some of the funds and present a plan to Council on how they plan to sustain themselves with monthly bills. The Council would have to approve a contract. **A motion was made by Josh Lydon and seconded by Matthew Hoffland to recommend this to Council with an amount not to exceed \$140,000 and pending any agreements necessary by Council. Motion carried 3-0.** Kevin Riley had a list of ideas on how to spend these funds on over the next 3 years. They were: Boys' & Girls' Club, Museum, Ice Rink, Butterfest, Park & Rec for skate park, playground equipment, pool; Public Works for streets, shelter

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parking lot, painting, street sweeper (labor); Library; Christmas decorations and Fireworks.

As of this date, Mark has not heard anything from the State regarding the levy limit for 2022 so a decision cannot be made on this tonight. This will be brought back next month if Mark receives the information from the State. **A motion was made by Kevin Riley and seconded by Josh Lydon to table this until next month. Motion carried 3-0.**

Items for future consideration were:
Moving the next Finance meeting to August 9th.
Police Contract is up for renewal.

A motion was made by Josh Lydon and seconded by Matthew Hoffland to adjourn at 6:29 p.m. Motion carried 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Julie Hanson
City Clerk