

Finance, Wages & Audit Committee Meeting Minutes
Saturday, April 6, 2024
4:00 p.m. Town Hall Council Chambers

The Finance, Wages & Audit Committee met on Saturday, April 6, 2024. In attendance were Committee Members Louise Estep, Martha Frantz, and Rachel Smith, along with Mayor John Berry. Also present were Councilmen Jody Donsbach, Rick Tolles, Lynn Sylvain and resident Peggy Seab.

Estep stated the meeting was scheduled to review the ARPA Funding Grant applications received. Seven applications were received and distributed to Council members seated at the Council table. Sylvain took a packet and returned to the audience. Estep stated the packets needed to remain at the table. Sylvain refused to listen and said they did not. It was then decided that the Finance Committee and Mayor would review the packets first because the meeting would only last one hour. After the Finance Committee reviewed the packets, they were shared with the other Council members present.

Peggy Seab asked how much each applicant would receive and what will happen with the remaining COVID funds. Estep stated they all asked for \$7,500 and it would be up to Council to decide how much would be awarded and what the remaining monies will be used for. Peggy asked about the pickleball courts. Donsbach stated that Council applied for a Wood County Parks Grant for this project, but it was not awarded.

Estep stated that she would draft a follow-up report for the organizations to complete so the Fiscal Officer has what she needs for the ARPA reporting.

After reviewing the packets, Rachel stated she saw no reason not to award the full amount requested to each organization and Martha agreed. If Council approves this recommendation, \$52,500 will be awarded and \$15,000 will be available for other projects. The organizations who submitted an application are: Grand Rapids Calvary Church, Grand Rapids Arts Council, Grand Rapids Historical Society, Grand Rapids Chamber of Commerce, Grand Rapids Swimming Pool, Grand Rapids Little League and the Otsego Food Pantry.

Sylvain stated the Otsego Food Pantry is not a 501(c)3. Estep stated they are being sponsored by the Presbyterian Church, where they are housed. Sylvain stated the Grand Rapids Calvary Church is not a 501(c)3. Estep stated they were during 2020 and are changing their affiliation and have applied for a new one.

Estep then adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,



Louise Estep
Chair, Finance, Wages & Audit Committee