**Minutes of the Meeting of the Finance Committee Held**

**On Tuesday, December 9, 2014 Pursuant to Notice Duly Given**

1. Meeting called to order at 5:15 p.m. by Chairperson Reed
2. Roll Call: Darrell Anderson, Roger Reed, Connie Bickel, Robert Le Breck and Sheri Groll

Also Present: Mayor Bostedt, Alderpersons Zahn and Stiloski, Attorney Calvert, Sara Perrizo, Administrator and as Recording Secretary and other interested parties

1. Approval of Agenda

**Moved by Le Breck, seconded by Anderson to approve the agenda. M/C**

1. Approval of Minutes from the 12/02/14 meeting.

**Moved by Anderson, seconded by Groll to approve the minutes as typed.**

**Motion carried upon verbal voice vote. 5 ayes**

1. Correspondence/Public Appearances

None.

1. Discussion/Recommendation on:
   1. Reduction Made to 2015 Airport Budget

Jerry Beekman and Jim Lacourciere were present from the Airport Commission. Beekman said that the Airport operates with a small budget and now the Council has reduced it. He’s not asking for the budget to be changed now, but wants the Committee to understand that the cuts will hurt. It is difficult to manage the Airport year to year on the budget that they have. Also, because the City cut the budget, the County will cut their contribution by the same amount. The Airport is good for the City and the County. There have been $1.6 million in projects done in the last several years, but the City and County did not have to contribute towards the projects because the matching money came out of the Airport Sand Fund. Lacourciere said that the cuts came out of the Contractual Services account, but not all of the bills have been paid yet for this year. If a truck breaks down, for example, where will the money come from to repair it?

Le Breck said that $11,000 was not spent in 2013 for Contractual Services and also, the full budget has not been spent for full-time salaries. A $1 per hour wage increase was given to all employees after the budget was passed. Bills come in and the Finance Committee doesn’t know about them until they are paid. Also, there is a courtesy car at the Airport, but no revenue is received from it. There are costs for insurance, gas and maintenance, but nothing is charged to use the car. Le Breck would also like to know how many planes land and take off per year. Other budgets in the City were cut, too.

Further discussion ensued regarding the Airport budget and the desire to have more information. Lacourciere said that runway 1129 will have to be rebuilt in 2015 at a cost of $1 million. A 2.5% share of this will be the responsibility of both the City and the County. He also stated that the Airport is considering purchasing 240 acres of land to build another runway.

* 1. Approval of Construction of Ice Fishing Access Ramps in and Amount Not to Exceed $12,000

Perrizo said that this will be paid for with bond money. Reed explained that a crane has to be brought in to move the large rocks. Groll asked if this will be for truck and trailer access. Reed stated that it will and that the trucks/trailers will park on the ice.

**Moved by Groll, seconded by Anderson to approve constructing an ice fishing access ramp in an amount not to exceed $12,000.**

**Motion carried upon verbal voice vote. 5 ayes**

1. **Moved by Le Breck, seconded by Anderson to adjourn.**

**Motion carried upon verbal voice vote. 5 ayes**

**Meeting adjourned at 5:47 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted:

Sara J. Perrizo, CPA

Administrator