CITY OF MONTELLO

FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

Monday, August 5, 2024

Meeting called to order at 6:30 PM.

Members present: Jim Houdek, Lucas Stelter, Venise Mugler, Ken Streich

Others Present: Bill Faulkner, Dick Dufour, Dawn Calnin

**New Business**:

1. Discuss with possible action, designation of ARPA funds for H&H Wall restoration.

* Houdek stated that the committee is aware of the removal of the buildings downtown and that it left an exposed wall. Seth and Randy Hardell contacted the Mayor on what could be done with the exposed wall, that is in bad shape. Hardell contacted a local contractor that would fix the wall for $40,000. Hardell stated that they did not create this situation, and because of this quote they would need to put metal over the exposed wall. A company was then found that would charge $20,000 to fix the wall. Hardell still looking for help, again pointing out they did not create this problem . Mayor Houdek’s recommendation is to split the cost. City share would be $10,000 from ARPA funds. Hardell has offered the wall to the City for a mural.

Stelter stated he had no problem with this but wondered how it would be visualized by other downtown businesses who were granted ARPA funds at a lesser amount. Houdek pointed out that the other businesses did not have adjourning buildings that created a problem. Houdek stated he can’t speak on how other businesses will feel, but he has received many positive comments from other businesses on the buildings taken down and that they are very anxious to see the green space.

Motion by Streich, second by Mugler to offset the cost of the Hardell wall restoration by using $10,000 of ARPA funds. Motion carried unanimously.

1. Review and Approve July vouchers.

All vouchers accounted for. Motion by Streich/Stelter to approve July vouchers. Motion carried.

Motion by Streich/Mugler to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 6:43 PM.

Minutes by Dawn Calnin