

City of Darien

Minutes of the Administrative Finance Committee

April 7, 2014

The Meeting was called to order by Alderman Ted Schauer at 6:02 pm. Committee members Alderman Joe Kenny and Alderman Tina Beilke were present. Staff members present included City Administrator Bryon Vana and Assistant City Administrator Scott Coren.

A resolution agreeing to work with the Village of Woodridge and Village of Downers Grove to provide a fireworks display at Ziegfield Troy Golf Course on the Fourth of July by contributing an amount not to exceed \$8,000

Assistant Administrator Coren said the City of Darien contributed to a fireworks display with the Village of Woodridge and the Village of Downers Grove until 2009, when the City Council eliminated the expense from the budget in response to reduced revenues during the recession. Without Darien's contribution, Woodridge and Downers Grove originally reduced the scope of the show to keep their costs level, but after a few years decided the show needed to go back to the original length, with each entity contributing more. This year, the two municipalities requested Darien resume contributing to the show, as Darien residents watch the show and receive the benefit. The City Council agreed to put \$8,000 in the draft budget to prepare for this expense.

The Village of Woodridge traditionally leads this show, as the firing area is within their jurisdiction. They have sent out a request for proposal to fireworks display companies, with an amount not to exceed \$24,000. Their request is for the City of Darien to contribute \$8,000, which is one third of the overall cost. Years ago, the formula for contributing to the fireworks was based on population, but the request at this time to split the cost equally in thirds.

Alderman Beilke made a motion to approve, Alderman Kenny seconded the motion, and it passed 3-0.

Minutes

Alderman Kenny made a motion to approve the minutes as amended, Alderman Beilke seconded the motion, and it passed 3-0.

Other Business

Alderman Kenny discussed an item on the Treasurer's report, in which the chairman of the Citizen of the Year committee was reimbursed approximately \$1,000 for costs related to the Citizen of the Year dinner. Staff offered to pay for items directly or in groups as

the costs came in, but the chairman preferred to do it all at once. Alderman Kenny asked staff to encourage the chairman to pay for items more frequently with the city credit card.

Adjournment

There being no further business Alderman Kenny made a motion to adjourn, with a second by Alderman Schauer. The motion carried 3-0 at 6:23 pm.

Approved:

Ted Schauer, Chairman _____

Joseph Kenny, Member _____

Tina Beilke, Member _____