

**FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
JULY 5, 2016**

**SIGN IN**

**RON SIMPSON  
NIKKI PETRILLO  
TIM ELLIOTT  
ED HAGNAUER  
DON THOMPSON  
WALMER SCHMIDTKE  
GERALD WILLIAMS**

**PAUL JACKSTADT  
DAN MCDOWELL  
BRAIN KONZEN  
JUDY WHITAKER  
BILL DAVIS  
BOB PICKERELL**

**Alderman Simpson called the Finance Committee Meeting to order.**

**Simpson turned the meeting over to Comptroller Scott Oney to discuss the Budget.**

**Oney stated that there is one change. The \$40,000.00 for the early warning system won't be coming out of the general fund it will be paid out of Community Development, so we won't have a deficit this year we will have a slight surplus. Basically are increases based on the revenue and the tax levy, projections in sales taxes in the last few years have went up, due to the auto dealers and grocery stores, we are a stable community. As for the expenses we have the increase in payroll of 2% and a increase in insurance which we budget for 10% (last year we had an increase of 26% which we had budgeted for 20%, so I can't see the insurance going up any more than 10%), and other increases in the budget are work comp cases. As for purchases such as the fire department, finally there was a \$145,000.00 grant that has come through. Comparable expenditures 2015 of 25.4 Million to 2016 26.4 Million, a 1 Million increase due to insurance and salaries. The only thing that this budget does not address is the funding of the pensions, based on the last years pensions full funded would have been 4.3 Million; I think we ended up funding 2.6 Million so the gap is 1.7 Million.**

**Discussion by the council, Mayor and Oney about funding of the pensions.**

**Oney stated that Illinois Department of Revenue miss calculated by 57 Million Dollars in Replacement Taxes. With Granite City being a large industrial community back in the 70's it had a large personal property tax. We are one of the larger in the State, so we were over funded in the amount of \$357,000.00. The State of Illinois is going to work with communities over a 2 year period. They want their money back, so in the budget it has to reflect \$175,000.00 for this year.**

**Discussion by the council and Oney about the over payment to communities.**

**Discussion by the council and Kozer about work comp cases.**

**Oney stated that we will have a Public Hearing on July 19, 2016 at 5:00 P.M. in the chambers for the Budget.**

**Motion by Simpson, second by McDowell to adjourn the Finance Committee Meeting. All Voted Yes. Motion Carried.**

**Meeting Adjourned.**