

FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES  
February 20, 2013

The City Council Finance Committee of the City of Norman, Cleveland County, State of Oklahoma, met at 5:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building Study Session Room on the 20th day of February, 2013, and notice and agenda of the meeting were posted in the Municipal Building at 201 West Gray and the Norman Public Library at 225 North Webster 24 hours prior to the beginning of the meeting.

PRESENT:                   Members Castleberry, Gallagher, Griffith, Kovach, and Chair Rosenthal

ABSENT:                   None

OTHERS PRESENT:       Linda Lockett, Council Member  
Steve Lewis, City Manager  
Anthony Francisco, Finance Director  
Suzanne Krohmer, Budget Manager  
Gala Hicks, Human Resources Director  
Linda Price, Revitalization Manager  
James Briggs, Park Planner  
Carol Coles, Administrative Assistant  
Dr. Sue Schrems, Cleveland County Historical Society  
Vernon Maddux, Cleveland County Historical Society  
Douglas Shaw-Elder, Firehouse Art Center  
Kathleen Wilson, Kiwanis Kruiser  
Katie Fitzgerald, CCFI, Executive Director  
Jennifer Heavner-Baker, Sooner Theatre, Inc.  
Nicki Kraisky, Business Manager, Sooner Theatre, Inc.  
Teresa Capps, Social & Voluntary Services Commission

DISCUSSION REGARDING THE FOLLOWING OUTSIDE AGENCIES FUNDING REQUESTS FOR FYE 14

Cleveland County Historical Society – Mr. Maddux made presentation.

- Society is asking for \$200 increase for FYE 14 for a total of \$31,700.
- Society is working on a historical book of Norman that will be available to purchase in November 2013.

Firehouse Art Center – Douglas Shaw-Elder, Executive Director, made presentation.

- Firehouse Art Center is asking for \$60,000 for FYE 14, same amount as this year.
- The agency offers programs that change the community and the children's programs are free.
- Firehouse is asking for more corporate sponsorships.
- In FYE 2017 Firehouse will pay 100% of the utilities that have been paid by the City, estimated to cost \$25,000 per year.
- Plans are to replace heat and air system this fiscal year with freed-up bond funds.
- National Arts Council grants funding is approximately \$29,000 per year.

Kiwanis Kruiser (Aging Services) – Kathleen Wilson, Executive Director, made presentation.

- Recent repairs to the van depleted funds: windows were blown out during storm and lift was not working properly.
- Seniors are being taken shopping more often.
- Seniors are paying more per ride.
- Aging Services are asking for \$2,000 more for a total of \$9,500.
- Could Kiwanis provide more funding?
- Kovach wants funding level to return to 2009/2010 level which would be \$10,000 - \$11,000.
- Could there be an addendum to FYE 13 budget, since repair costs were high.
- Mayor asked for a letter from the agency with explanation of why they asking for additional funds for this year.

Center for Children and Families – Katie Fitzgerald, Executive Director, made presentation.

- The three main activities of the CCFI are to heal abused/neglected children, strengthen families, and operate the neighborhood centers.
- The agency is asking for an additional \$10,000 for a total of \$100,000 for FYE 14.
- CCFI is seeking \$3,000,000 through private donor support to construct a new facility.
- They expect a couple of grants to roll-off this year.

Sooner Theatre, Inc. – Jennifer Heavner-Baker, Executive Director, and Nicki Kraisky, Business Manager, made presentation.

- Facility has new ramp inside.
- Theater gave 80 scholarships this year valued at \$30,000 which is double last year.
- Second space on Main Street is at capacity and Sooner Theatre is looking for growth options for facility.
- Gallagher asks if Oklahoma State Historical Society funds might be available for the theater.

89er Day Parade – Mr. Hollingsworth was not present due to illness.

- Committee is requesting \$5,000 for FYE 14, same as this year.
- Mayor asked if Cleveland County Fair Board can be a partner with parade instead of expense. Letter will be sent requesting information.

Social and Voluntary Services Commission – Teresa Capps, Commission Chair, made presentation.

- SVSC is requesting \$150,000 funding for FYE 14, same as this year.
- The all-volunteer commission is a steward of the City as they audit the various non-profit agencies that receive City funds.
- Discussion was held of the United Way contributions from City employees and whether the City could match them or not.

Performing Arts Studio – No presentation made.

- The agency is requesting \$3,000 funding for the FYE 2014 year, an increase of \$300.