

City of Darien
Minutes of the Administrative/Finance Committee
April 6, 2015

The Meeting was called to order by Chairman/Alderman Ted Schauer at 6:00 pm. Committee members Aldermen Beilke and Kenny were present. Treasurer Mike Coren and staff members present included City Administrator Bryon Vana, and Assistant City Administrator Paul Nosek.

A resolution authorizing the City to continue the electric aggregation program for the City of Darien and engage NIMEC to act as energy consultant, and approve electric bids.

Staff advised in 2012 Darien residents approved a referendum authorizing the City to operate an opt-out aggregation program to reduce electric pricing for residential customers. Our current agreement with Verde Energy (7.753¢) expires this July.

The City's consultant NIMEC conducted a bid on April 6. The low bid was received from CONSTELLATION NEWENERGY, INC. at 6.90 cents per KWh from July 2015 to September 2016, and 6.44 cents per KWh from September 2016 to September 2017. Electric pricing is a commodity, so pricing is only good for 24 hours. Renewals take 90 days to implement, once a bid process determines a new supplier. The Committee unanimously recommended approval of the bid and ordinance.

An ordinance authorizing and directing early redemption of a certain bond issue (\$2,600,000 G.O. bonds, series 2007 b

Staff advised that during the FYE 16 budget meetings, the G.O.2007B was recommended to be advanced refunded with cash on hand. The cash will come from a General Fund transfer of approximately \$899,000. Once the bond is paid off the annual tax levy will be reduced by the bond principal and interest payments. The money will be repaid by increasing the General Fund tax levy over a 2 year period resulting in no **total** tax levy increase for the payback. The Committee unanimously recommended approval of **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING EARLY REDEMPTION OF A CERTAIN BOND ISSUE (\$2,600,000 G.O. BONDS, SERIES 2007 B)**. This will save approximately \$82,500 in interest payments.

Minutes – February 2, 2015

The February 2, 2015, minutes were approved.

Adjournment - The meeting adjourned at 6:44

Approved:

Ted Schauer, Chairman _____

Joseph Kenny, Member _____

Tina Beilke, Member _____