



## **FINANCE COMMITTEE JULY 22, 2021**

### **MINUTES**

#### **NON-PUBLIC MEETING**

City Attorney Lance Baker met in a non-public meeting with all members of the City of Clarksville Finance Committee on Thursday, July 22, 2021, at 2:00 p.m. in the City Hall Conference Room, 1 Public Square, Clarksville, Tennessee, regarding the cases of Willis v. City and Tennessee River Keepers v. City.

#### **PUBLIC MEETING CALL TO ORDER**

The public meeting was called to order at 2:39 p.m.

#### **ATTENDANCE**

**PRESENT:** Travis Hollmen, Jason Knight, Wallace Redd, Karen Reynolds, Stacey Streetman

#### **WILLIS V. CITY**

Mr. Baker said this case was regarding an accident on State Line Road involving a city bus. The Plaintiff was demanding \$100,000 along with a related a companion lawsuit involving Allstate Insurance for property damage in the amount of \$1,400. Upon Mr. Baker's recommendation, Councilperson Knight made a motion to reject the demand of \$100,000 and to allow the City Attorney to further negotiate the settlement. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Redd. Councilperson Reynolds said consideration should be given to the time it would take for the plaintiff to have the vehicle repaired. Mr. Baker noted the plaintiff's medical bills totaled approximately \$29,000. He said he would offer to pay the property damage claim of \$1,400. A voice vote was taken; the motion passed without objection.

#### **TENNESSEE RIVER KEEPERS V. CITY**

Mr. Baker said this case alleged multiple violations of the Clean Water Act and called the members attention to the proposed consent decree which said the City will complete several projects related to the combined sewer system in various locations throughout the

City. He said this project would cost approximately \$30 million and would take at least ten years to complete. Mr. Baker said the City was already obligated to perform some of the projects pursuant to a consent order issued by the Tennessee Department of Conservation in 2012. He said he recommended the City also pay \$21,000 to TRK for attorney fees and stated the City would provide copies of monthly reports submitted to TDEC. The decree required final approval by the TRK Board of Directors and the City Council. Councilperson Redd made a motion to forward the consent decree to the City Council with a recommendation of approval. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Holleman. A voice vote was taken; the motion passed without objection.

#### ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:51 p.m.

*ADOPTED:* July 27, 2021