

# INCOME TAX BOARD

City of Findlay

October 11, 2021

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## MINUTES

### **ATTENDANCE**

Members Present: Mayor Christina Muryn, Don Rasmussen, Jim Staschiak II, Jeff Wobser.

Staff Present: Mary Price and Kathy Launder.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Appropriation for Garnishment Collection and Legal Fees: Mary stated that Municipal Court fees have increased as well as number of cases has increased that prompted the appropriation request. A letter was sent to Council explaining the need for an appropriation. The following is an excerpt from the letter: *The City of Findlay Income Tax Department has been working with our collections attorneys to clean up old cases. With this we have seen an increase in collections as well as associated costs. The number of garnishment attempts year to date for 2021 is 324 (as of 9/15/2021), compared to 318 garnishment attempts for the entire year of 2020, also resulting in an increase of court costs incurred. An additional \$35,000.00 to the Legal/Financial Services subcode 441400 would allow the City Income Tax department to continue these processes.*

The City started a new contract with Scott Basinger for legal services due to Roger Rader retiring. Mr. Basinger has been filing more cases for us. Councilman Wobser asked if cases overall were increasing. Mary stated that cases have been increasing. She further stated that they have been coming up with ideas to reduce the number of cases. One way is sending out the past due collection notices.

Motion to approve the funding request with the caveat that we get a resolution or ordinance that waives the necessary potential bidding for Scott Basinger to continue through the year and for next year if necessary, by Auditor Staschiak, second by Councilman Wobser. Motion passed 4-0.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Auditor Staschiak asked Mary if elevated business collections and growth are sustainable year over year or is it one off collections. Mary stated she believed that the collections and growth are sustainable year over year. The quarterly collections are coming in strong.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy K. Launder  
City Clerk