

Finance Committee Minutes

Honorable Council
City of Newark, Ohio
March 2, 2020

The Finance Committee met in Council Chambers on Monday, March 2, 2020 with these members in attendance:

Doug Marmie
Jeremy Blake
Ryan Bubb
Jeff Harris
Jonathan Lang

We Wish to Report:

1. **Resolution No.20-16 Expedite** a resolution appropriating monies for current expenses of the municipal corporation.

Section 1. There is hereby an appropriation of the unappropriated balance of the 100 General Fund, in the amount of \$8,000.00 (Overtime)

Account	Description	Amount
100.112.5118	Overtime	\$8,000.00

Judge Standsbury – asking for an allocation of court funds to cover some unexpected overtime expenses with the transition over on the other side of the building. We’ve had to utilize more overtime than we would have normally done, that’s why we had not budgeted for it.

Motion by Mr. Bubb to send to full Council, second by Mr. Blake
Motion passed by a vote of 5-0 .

2. **Resolution No.20-18** a resolution appropriating monies for current expenses of the municipal corporation.

Section 1. There is hereby an appropriation of the unappropriated balance of the 100 General Fund, in the amount of \$119,000.00 (2 Police Vehicles)

Account	Description	Amount
100.203.5532	Police Vehicles	\$119,000.00

Director Rhodes – requesting this out of the unappropriated balance. We are going to buy 2 SUV’s for the police department.

Motion by Mr. Lang to send to full Council, second by Mr. Bubb

Mr. Blake – do we know what the balance will be after this?
Director Rhodes – estimate about 850,000.00.

Mr. Marmie – I would like to offer an amendment. When the administration talked to me about police vehicles, I believe there is a strong priority that we need to emphasize with the unappropriated balance, and when we are buying cruisers, our safety forces are definitely a number one priority, but so our streets are just second to that and our infrastructure and I think we need to make sure we utilize some of the funds in that unappropriated balance that we make sure those are available in this paving cycle for the engineers office to go ahead and start getting additional paving done in our streets. So would I would like to do is amend this amount to be total of 269,000.00 that would mean 150,000.00 would go in to account number 335.302.5276.100. and that's the engineers budget for paving.

Motion by Mr. Marmie to amend, second by Mr. Lang

Steve Johnson – would you want to do this next time because we have to appropriate this as a transfer out of the general fund, going from general fund to capital improvements.

Mr. Marmie – David just told me it was not.

Mr. Rhodes – I must have told you wrong.

Mr. Marmie – ok, because he has the capital improvements that is going to the 335.302.

Mr. Rhodes – I have a capital improvements one that is coming too.

Steve Johnson – my only concern is, and I haven't talked to David about this, he is asking for an appropriation out of the unappropriated balance of the general fund. You're talking about doing that too only sending it to capital improvements. We have to set it up as a transfer first, to come out of the general fund to go to capital improvements. Now, I think we can make amendments to the ordinance and give it to Jennifer so that it will read correctly, but I have to transfer it out of the general fund somehow.

Mr. Marmie – ok, if we can make the amendment to just get it from our unappropriated balance to the paving account that I said, if it has to be done by transfer.

Mr. Johnson – it's going to change funds. It's going to go from general to capital, it has a couple t's to cross and l's to dot.

Mr. Marmie – as long as the legislation can say that.

Mr. Johnson – it can be done.

Mr. Harris – I have a question about the police cruisers. How often do we get new cruisers, how long do we keep new cruisers before we?

Mr. Rhodes – in the past, we kept them too long without getting new cruisers. What we've done over the past 5 years, particularly in the last 4 years, we've just about replaced the whole fleet. And we have cruisers in the rotation now where we have some money where we've borrowed on cruisers and they're getting ready to be paid off in the next few years and then this year for the second year in a row we have taken money and paid cash for some cruisers. We wanted to buy 3 additional cruisers, some in which would have been unmarked, but we felt at this time being early in the year we would bring forth just 2 cruisers. If tax collections go strong you might see us come back in the next couple of months, but we are getting very close to replacing our full fleet from the cars to the SUV's but then the important thing is to keep that rotation going so that the first SUV's we bought don't become like the cars that we have. We have to constantly update.

Rachell Boland Smith, Violet Court – on your proposal for putting more money in to street paving, is that going to be in the general populous area or is that going to be part of the downtown project?

Mr. Marmie – it's for additional paving that is needed for our streets. It goes in to our paving project list that is prioritized and once we get to a certain dollar amount its cut off is usually the way the engineer does it. This will allow him to go down further on his priority list.

Mr. Rhodes – with this amendment, which we certainly support, will bring our paving dollars this year to one million, six hundred fifty thousand dollars.

Amendment passed by a vote of 5-0

Motion passed by a vote of 5-0

3. **Ordinance No.20-13** an ordinance authorizing and directing the mayor and the director of public service to execute the supplemental revenue sharing agreement between the city of Newark, Ohio and the Newark city school district attached hereto to clarify payments with respect to municipal income taxes established in existing tax increment financing agreements and revenue sharing agreements .

Mr. Rhodes – this has been a conversation we have had with the Newark School Board to simplify what the city of Newark and the Newark School District based on this particular TIF that was originated I believe in 1999. We’ve all come to an agreement and this simplifies things and makes it easy for us to understand what we are going to pay and easy for the school system to know what they are going to receive so for budgeting both for the city and the school board this particular one made pretty good sense.

Mr. Blake - can you give us a summary of the city’s obligation.

Mr. Rhodes – 52,000.00 a year.

Mr. Lang – second paragraph page 5.

Mr. Marmie – 52,941.00

Motion by Mr. Lang to send to full Council, second by Mr. Bubb

Motion passed by a vote of 5-0 .

Doug Marmie, Chair