Finance Committee Minutes

Honorable Council City of Newark, Ohio November16, 2020 5:45pm

The Finance Committee met via Zoom on Monday, November 16, 2020 with these members in attendance:

Doug Marmie - Chair Spencer Barker sitting in for Ryan Bubb Jeff Harris Jonathan Lang Jeremy Blake

We Wish to Report:

 Consider Resolution No. 20-87 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 153 Comp Abs Fund, in the amount of \$29,000.00 (\$11,750 – Term Sick; \$12,750.00 – Term Vacation; \$4,500.00 – Term Comp – Payout Retiring Officer Phil Palmisano)

153.202.5143	Termination Sick	11,750.00
153.202.5144	Termination Vacation	12,750.00
153.202.5145	Termination Comp	4,500.00

Service Director David Rhodes – We have a retiring police officer and these are his payouts. Motion to send to full council by Mr. Harris, second by Mr. Lang, passed 5-0

Section 2. There is hereby an appropriation of the unappropriated balance of the 221 Street/Traffic Fund , in the amount of \$35,000.00 (Vehicles)

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221.302.5532	Vehicles	35,000.00

Service Director David Rhodes – This will come out of the street and traffic fund to purchase a new pickup truck for the street department. We will be paying cash for this truck.

Motion to send to full council by Mr. Barker, second by Mr. Harris, motion passed

Section 3. There is hereby an appropriation of the unappropriated balance of the 665 Sewer Projects Fund , in the amount of \$965,000.00 (Principal Pmt-Payoff Note to reissue Bond)

665.706.5411	Principal Payment	965,000.00

Mr. Roger Loomis – This is to pay off the Horns Hill Sanitary Sewer note. It's just money coming in and going back out. Motion to send to full council by Mr. Barker, second by Mr. Harris, passed 5-0

2. Consider **Resolution No. 20-89 Expedite** A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING MONIES FOR CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION **(Consider Rule 11)**

Section 1. There is hereby an appropriation of the unappropriated balance of the 219 COVID Fund, in the amount of \$1,813,138.48 (Contingency)

219.100.5299	Contingency	1,813,138.48

Mr. Marmie – These are additional funds that came from the county. We have to appropriate this this evening. It must go to council to be voted on tonight. It has to be encumbered by November 20th. We have to pass it out of committee by this evening.

Mr. Lang – I support getting this to council this evening. I think it's best to go forward with Rule 11, rather than create any confusion voting it out of this committee.

Mr. Blake – Is there a way you can provide an update as to where the money is going to be disbursed at this time.

Mr. Marmie – I gave a preliminary list to the Mayor and the Auditor's office on Friday, however, Friday afternoon I received additional emails. All I am doing is compiling a list and giving those who are requesting funds some guidelines what type of information will be required from them and from there the administration will follow up. I actually received additional emails on my way home this evening. As of now it's almost \$1.3 million of the \$1.8 million that's already been requested. There's also some funds being requested within the city for our safety forces. We aren't sure exactly how much is left from the previous money, it could be as much as \$200,000. We are just going to compile the list and move forward and then the mayor and administration will look at all the documentation. To date some of the entities that have sent requests are as follows: Pitmaster, 1922 ,Dickies BBQ, Newark Homeless Outreach, Newark City Schools, The Ice Arena, Vertical 196, The Midland, Coalition for Housing, additional turn-out gear for the Fire Department, Canal market, Par Excellence, Newark Catholic, Blessed Sacrament and St Francis.

Mr. Blake – Can you share that list? I know the call you and I were on there were rough amounts given as far as how much can be given to each of those, so I'm wondering how much work there is to do to make sure we spend the entire \$1.8 million.

Mr. Marmie – It looks like right now there is still about \$500,000 remaining.

Mr. Blake – Just for the record I don't mind using Rule 11.

3. Consider Ordinance No. 20-38 AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF \$965,000 OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING A PORTION OF THE CITY'S COST, AND A PORTION OF THE PROPERTY OWNERS' COST IN ANTICIPATION OF THE LEVY AND COLLECTION OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS FOR HORNS HILL ROAD SANITARY SEWER PROJECT IMPROVEMENTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

City Auditor, Steve Johnson – This would renew the existing bond anticipation notes for a period of 90 days. We're coming up on the end of the year and there's not enough time to issue special assessment bonds, so it's in the best interest of the city to renew this for another 90 day period and then address it at that time.

Motion to send to full council by Mr. Barker, second by Mr. Harris, approved 5-0

4. Consider **Resolution No. 20-90** A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING MONIES FOR CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

Section 1. There is hereby an appropriation of the unappropriated balance of the 661 Sewer Fund , in the amount of \$100,000.00 (Service Contracts/UV Upgrade Project)

661.712.5238	Service Contracts	100,000.00

Mr. Roger Loomis – This is funds from our wastewater fund for additional work on our UV System. We already upgraded part of it, but we just decided we should update the entire thing rather than piece meal it.

Motion to send to full council by Mr. Lang, second by Mr. Harris, passed 5-0

5. Other items at the discretion of the chair

Mr. Marmie – Briefly I will allow some comments, but the CARES Act is not something the Finance Committee is going to be directly involved in.

Nancy Welu – First I would like to thank you for entertaining the request that the Newark Homeless Outreach sent. I realize it will go to full council tonight. We realized after the fact that thermometers might be a good thing to add to that request also. I didn't know if I could add that at this point? Do you have any sort of timeline on this?

Mr. **Marmie** – Certainly, just send an updated request. I know the administration wants to act upon this relatively quickly because the money has to all be spent by December 29th.

Finance Meeting stands adjourned. Next up is Personnel Committee.

Doug Marmie, Chair