

## Finance Committee Minutes

Honorable Council  
City of Newark, Ohio  
November 19, 2019

The Finance Committee met in Council Chambers on Monday November 18, 2019 with these members in attendance:

Doug Marmie  
Jeremy Blake  
Ryan Bubb  
Bill Cost Jr.  
Mark Labuits

We Wish to Report:

1. Consider **Resolution No. 19-83** appropriating monies for the current expenses of the municipal corporation. – Expedite

Section 1. There is hereby an appropriation of the unappropriated balance of the General Fund, in the amount of \$150,000.00 (2 Charging Stations for electric cars)

Account	Description	Amount
100.121.5532	Machinery & Equipment	\$150,000.00

**Director Mauter-** this is an appropriation into the machinery & Equipment account so we can be able to purchase two electric car charging stations. The city was approach by American Electric Power to consider an electrical vehicle charging station incentive program. The program would reimburse 100% of all of the costs to install up to two fast chargers provided they are on government owned property. I have received some calls from local residents that need a charger especially in the downtown area. I have also talked to Kendra Proudfit the manager of the Doubletree Hotel and she informed me that they are regularly receiving requests from patrons to have charging stations available for their cars when they come to stay so Mayor Hall and I and Dave Rhodes met with a representative from a company called Electric Vehicle United and they partner with AEP to do installations and process all of the paperwork. The Mayor and I then visited potential sites where we could locate these electric vehicle charging stations and we settled on two parking spaces on the public streets primarily on the corner of East Church and North Second Street, it would be on the south side of Church right alongside the Elements outside dining area. We thought that

these would make two good potential sites; the site would qualify for the 100% rebate from AEP. That keeps the sites right there by the hotel so the patrons can use it and it could be readily available for the people passing thru the Newark area and have a need to charge their electronic vehicles and it is close by downtown so hopefully during the 45 minutes it takes to charge they will come downtown and have a bite to eat or do a little shopping. We thought that would be a good location for those.

**Motion by Mr. Bubb to send to full Council, second by Labutis**

**Mr. Blake-** I think that this is a great idea electric cars are becoming more popular in our community. Will they be monitored; will you know how frequently they are used and monitor success with these two stations being downtown?

**Director Mauter-** there is a third party involved called Charge Point and Charge point handles all of the accounting. Patrons using these would have to have a pre-established account it is accessed through an app on your phone so nobody can just come up and plug in without have been approved though Charge Point. Charge Point will be responsible for monitoring that and they will also be responsible for collections so as soon as somebody uses the charger their account will be billed immediately and then Charge Point will then transfer those funds that are collected. The city can decide how much they want to charge for these fees so certainly at bare minimum we want to cover our costs that are involved and there could also be some profit.

**Mr. Blake-** after a year or two of monitoring this do you see it expanding further?

**Director Mauter-** potentially yes, what is really key right now is this program that AEP has in place for this 100% rebate of these costs expires at the end of this year. When we get into this a little further in the Service Committee which will allow the Service Director to enter into contract which includes the emergency clause. We need to show progress as we come down to the end of the year. To go back and answer your question yes, they are here they are not just the future they are here and I think that we are going to see more and more demand for them. Owners now have to map out their route and determine where they can stop to plug in and recharge their batteries as they proceed along their trip. I certainly think that will help put Newark on the map as one of those destination charging points.

**Mr. Marmie-** what percentage should Charge Point have across the country because I do know individuals that map it out and you are going to want to be on the one that they are using so what percentage would you say they operate?

**Director Mauter-** I can't give you the percentage but I do know that they are one of the largest in the country that is handling this.

**Mr. Blake-** my employer is Denison so I know that we have some charging stations there, if you find that the locations of the charging stations aren't viable near the motel is it possible to be able to move those to say OSU Newark or COTC?

**Director Mauter-** we are hoping that we have a good location to start off because the hotel is getting requests on a regular basis now I really think that gives us a good start. I would imagine that there would be costs to relocate the stations because there is definitely a cost to get them installed. We have already had an AEP engineer come out to the site and they have already done a preliminary design for getting the electric from the current transformers that are in place to the actual site.

**Mr. Marmie-** being on a street satisfies being on a government property?

**Director Mauter-** yes

**Mr. Marmie-** so on OSU or COTC probably would not be satisfied?

**Director Mauter-** OSU is a public entity so it does.

**Mr. Marmie-** but does it have to be ours?

**Director Mauter-** city of Newark municipality? No it just has to be on any government property.

**Motion passed by a vote of 5-0.**

Section 2. There is hereby an appropriation of the unappropriated balance of the 152 Budget Stabilization Fund, in the amount of \$150,000.00 (2 Charging stations for electric cars)

Account	Description	Amount
152.100.5901100	OPT-GF	\$150,000.00

**Director Mauter-** this is how we are going to pay for this initially then it is 100% reimbursed back to the city.

**Motion by Mr. Bubb to send to full Council, second by Mr. Labutis**

**Motion passed by a vote of 5-0.**

Section 3. There is hereby an appropriation of the unappropriated balance of the 153 Compensated Abs Fund, in the amount of \$5,500.00 (Payout Derrick Beach)

Account	Description	Amount
153.202.5144	Termination Vacation	\$3,000.00
153.202.5145	Termination Vacation	2,500.00

**Director Baum-** this is a payout for Mr. Derrick Beach

**Motion by Mr. Bubb to send to full Council, second by Mr. Cost**

**Motion passed by a vote of 5-0.**

Section 4. There is hereby an appropriation of the unappropriated balance of the 221 Street Fund, in the amount of \$1,703.80 (Lease)

Account	Description	Amount
221.302.5211	Lease	\$1,703.80

**Director Rhodes-** this is for a lease payout for the copier at the Street/Traffic Department. We received these dollars from the company that we are going to do business with so that we can payout the old lease.

**Motion by Mr. Bubb to send to full Council, second by Mr. Cost**

**Motion passed by a vote of 5-0.**

2. **Resolution No. 19-84** appropriating monies for the current expenses of the municipal corporation was considered.

Section 1. There is hereby an appropriation of the unappropriated balance of the 661 Sewer Dept, in the amount of \$415,000.00 (New Vac Truck)

Account	Description	Amount
661.712.5532	Vehicles	\$415,000.00

**Roger Loomis-** this is for a new piece of equipment a Jet Vac Machine, the current machine that we have is about 11 years old and it is about a 9 month turn around to get these things purchased so it will be almost 12 years old by the time that we get this thing. This is a piece of equipment that we use for unplugging and cleaning sewers. We try to keep them around 10 years because these are used for emergencies and major break downs. This will be out of the unappropriated balance of the Sewer funds. This is being purchased on the State purchase plan.

**Motion by Mr. Cost to send to full Council, second by Mr. Bubb**

**Mr. Bubb-** will the old vehicle be sold then?

**Roger Loomis-** we will sell it on Gove Deals.

**Mr. Bubb-** what would something like that sell for?

**Roger Loomis-** we are hoping for around \$80,000.00-100,000.00 that will come back onto the Sewer Fund.

**Motion passed by a vote of 5-0.**

Doug Marmie, Chair