

Finance Committee Minutes

Honorable Council
City of Newark, Ohio
October 31, 2017

The Finance Committee met in Council Chambers on Monday October 30, 2017 with these members in attendance:

Doug Marmie
Carol Floyd
Ryan Bubb
Bill Cost Jr.
Mark Fraizer

We wish to report:

1. **Resolution No. 17-79** appropriating monies for the current expenses of the municipal corporation was considered.- Expedite

Section 1. There is hereby an appropriation of the unappropriated balance of the 153, Compensated Absences Fund, in the amount of \$5,300.00 (NFD payout for Aaron Sollars)

Account	Description	Amount
153.205.5144	Termination Vacation	\$5,000.00
153.205.5145	Termination Comp	300.00

Director Baum- this is payout for a Newark Firefighter who left to take employment elsewhere.

Motion by Mrs. Floyd to send to full Council, second by Mr. Bubb

Motion passed by a vote of 5-0.

Section 2. There is hereby a disappropriation of the appropriated balance of the 100, General Fund, in the amount of \$89,800.00 (New Chiller for NPD)

Account	Description	Amount
100.202.5111	Salaries & Wages	\$89,800.00

Director Baum- this is the disappropriation for the chiller that we discussed previously

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

Mr. Cost- I have stated before I have no argument appropriating the funds to replace this unit however I can't support taking these funds out of personnel.

Mrs. Floyd- under normal circumstances that would be my vote also on the other hand this money that is in personnel funds would swing back to the General fund in January so I am supporting this.

Motion passed by a vote of 4-1 (Mr. Cost)

Section 3. There is hereby an appropriation of the unappropriated balance of the 100, General Fund, in the amount of \$89,800.00 (New Chiller for NPD)

Account	Description	Amount
100.203.5271	Maintenance Building Grounds	\$89,800.00

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

Motion passed by a vote of 5-0.

Section 4. There is hereby a disappropriation of the appropriated balance of the 100, General Fund, in the amount of \$75,588.00

Account	Description	Amount
100.202.5111	Salaries & Wages	\$75,588.00

Director Baum- this is two different items, number one the bulletproof vests are expiring January of 2018. They will cost \$52,325.00 of that \$75,588.00. Typically they are budgeted for specifically by themselves however we didn't have a trigger that told us in 2016 that in January of 2018 the vests were going to expire. It was an oversight. I don't know where we would have cut to find \$52,000.00 for them to begin with but that is beside the point. The bulletproof vest grant will reimburse \$21,000.00 we just got notified of that last week from Barb Gilkes. It will be coming back into the General fund however that won't be until 2018. The company will send us the vests as soon as they got a purchase order number but to get that we will have to have the money there. If I didn't already mention this is a contractual obligation with the FOP. The rest of the money we have zeroed out the impound account both for the clerk and the tow companies. As of October 23rd we conducted 63 more impounds year to date this year than last year. Why did that happen, I don't know. I'm sure there are a

multitude of reasons. We also had two rather significant impound fees in the amount of several thousand dollars from a vehicle that was driven up onto railroad tracks that we had to have two different tow trucks extract. There also was a vehicle that was well off the road and had to be winched several hundred feet to get it back to the road in order to load it up. To avoid some of this next year the Chief and I had already met before we found out we had zeroed out the impound account to try to examine what towing and when we are towing. We aren't talking about OVI and crashes that stuff you can't control but some of the stuff we can control. To give some thought to the tow fee for towing it during normal business hours rather than nights, weekends, holidays. The Police Department is trying to take some steps to curtail some of the costs.

Mr. Fraizer- is the bulletproof vests good for 2 years?

Director Baum- 5 years, we had a new Chief and several new command staff members during those 5 years.

Mr. Fraizer- this isn't 100% of our vests that we are purchasing with this it is a subsection and then we will have this again in a couple of years?

Director Baum- if it isn't 100% it so pretty darn close. We have hired 8 people this year; vests have all been purchased for those people that are eligible for the reimbursement however they will expire a year before the bulk of the vests.

Mr. Rath- how many officers did you say you hired this year?

Director Baum- I want to say 8

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

Motion passed by a vote of 5-0.

Section 5. There is hereby an appropriation of the unappropriated balance of the 100, General Fund, in the amount of \$75,588.00

Account	Description	Amount
100.155.5111	Salaries	\$5,000.00
100.155.5122	PERS	850.00
100.155.5122.100	PERS Pickup	301.00
100.155.5124	Health Ins	1500.00
100.155.5124100	AFSCME Ins	100.00
100.155.5126	Medicare	35.00
100.155.5127	Workers Comp	477.00
100.155.5238	Service General	15,000.00
100.203.5312100	Bullet Proof	52,325.00

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**Motion by Mrs. Floyd to send to full Council, second by Mr. Fraizer
Motion passed by a vote of 5-0.**

Section 6. There is hereby a disappropriation of the appropriated balance of the 100, General Fund, in the amount of \$889.29

Account	Description	Amount
100.116.5231	Professional Services	\$889.29

Vanessa Stalnaker – there was a job description change for Becky Moffett and we are short in the wages, PERS, Medicare and comp so we are taking incentive money and putting it into those accounts.

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

Section 7. There is hereby an appropriation of the unappropriated balance of the 100, General Fund, in the amount of \$889.29

Account	Description	Amount
100.116.5111	Salary/Wages	\$756.00
100.116.5122	PERS	105.84
100.116.5126	Medicare	10.96
100.116.5127	Workers Comp	16.49

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

Section 8. There is hereby an appropriation of the unappropriated balance of the 100, General Fund, in the amount of \$6,734.50

Account	Description	Amount
231.232.5111	Salary/Wages	\$3,821.14
231.232.5122	PERS	672.58
231.232.5124	Health Ins	1189.48

231.232.5124110	Health Ins Dental	28.94
231.232.5124400	Health Ins Life	10.35
231.232.5126	Medicare	59.31
231.113.5111	Salary/Wages	952.70

Vanessa Stalnaker- we had shortages due to health insurance increases, 3 pays in June of 2017, one of our offices changed his insurance from single to family and there was a 1.75% increase for all employees for the calendar year. We are taking incentive money to cover those shortages.

Motion by Mr. Fraizer to send to full Council, second by Mrs. Floyd

Motion passed by a vote of 5-0.

Section 9. There is hereby a disappropriation of the appropriated balance of the 100, General Fund, in the amount of \$306.00 (Reimbursement of SCRAM Unit)

Account	Description	Amount
100.116.5319	Misc Supplies	\$306.00

Vanessa Stalnaker- this was back money from 2011 that I was able to collect from someday in order to clear a warrant in his name.

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

Motion passed by a vote of 5-0.

- Resolution No. 17-81** 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 621, Water Department Fund, in the amount of \$ 39,722.22

Account	Description	Amount
621.706.5426500	Interest	\$39,722.22

Roger Loomis- this is interest on a note we had for the downtown project so the interest changes from year to year the interest went from 1.5% to 2% and we failed to budget for that.

Motion by Mrs. Floyd to send to full Council, second by Mr. Fraizer

Motion passed by a vote of 5-0.

3. **Resolution No. 17-82** a resolution authorizing and directing the Director of Public Service to negotiate a contract with the Wexford Lodging Advisors with regards to the partial abatement of hotel lodging excise tax revenue generated pursuant to Chapter 892 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Newark, Ohio was considered.

Director Rhodes- this has been an ongoing conversation amongst all of us about what the city’s position would be on this and what Explore Licking County’s position would be on this and I think we have come to the point where we would like to have the opportunity to negotiate an agreement with Wexford. Once the negotiations are done which Explore Licking County would be involved with we will bring it back to the Bed Tax Committee for the City of Newark and Explore Licking County will take it to their board too. Both entities would have to vote in favor in order for this to move forward.

Motion by Mrs. Floyd to send to Council, second by Mr. Cost

Mr. Fraizer- what is the time table on this?

Director Rhodes- within the next 6 weeks.

Mr. Marmie- I think this is a great opportunity for our community, not only Newark but the county. Moving forward I think it would benefit a business that could generate a significant amount of revenue for this community and also improve the current status of that business. I love when we can come up with win, win solutions and I think in this case that is what we are trying to do and from everything that I am hearing it could be a great victory for everyone. I am glad that we could be in support of this and a proud part of this.

Motion passed by a vote of 5-0.

Director Rhodes- I want to thank John Roselyn for coming forward with Wexford Lodging to make an investment into our community and I also want to thank Explore Licking County for being a partner with the city on this because to be honest with you without those two entities this would not be coming about.

Mr. Marmie- at the discretion of the Chair there is a late item and I am allowing it to be discussed but we won’t be able to vote on it because it didn’t make the deadline for the agenda however if Councilperson Floyd and myself both agree we could enact Rule 11 at Monday night’s Council meeting if we see that it is warranted after discussion here.

Resolution No. 17-83 appropriating monies for the current expenses of the municipal corporation.

Section 1. There is hereby an appropriation of the unappropriated balance of the 958, Fire Reimbursement Fund, in the amount of \$ 30,966.61

Account	Description	Amount
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100.127.5621	Reimbursements	\$30,966.61
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Director Baum- this is a payout for a fire scene. The insurance check has to go into an escrow account and once the homeowner has met all of their obligations we can then release a check to take care of the property. We have unfortunately had more scenes than we budgeted for this year however I wouldn't want to account for \$250,000.00 of the potential city budget by over funding this account. I would rather come to you as we need it and budget it slightly smaller and you do an appropriation as we get insurance checks and claims to payout. We have received money into the account now we are ready to write the check but we would need the money moved to the other account to appropriate it.

Mr. Fraizer- this is insurance money that is in an escrow account

Director Baum- correct it is insurance money that came in and it is going out to pay a claim.

Mr. Marmie- what is the purpose that we have to expedite this?

Director Baum- there is an individual involved here that if you could see your way to expedite it I'm sure they would be grateful, they would be able to move on with their life. We could get a property taken care of; the neighbors are obviously always concerned when there is a property left standing after a fire.

Mr. Marmie- that makes sense I like to verify because we do that because in essence just to let everyone know if we hold someone's money we could in a sense owe interest on it. With something like this when we know we have to pay it and we know the money is due it does make sense to expedite these matters. At the next Council meeting if Carol is in agreement we will evoke Rule 11, I will be in support of that but we can't do anything on it tonight.

Doug Marmie, Chair