

May 5, 2016

Finance Committee Minutes

Honorable Council
City of Newark, Ohio
May 10, 2016

The Finance Committee met in Council Chambers on Monday May 9, 2016 with these members in attendance:

Doug Marmie, Chair
Bill Cost Jr.
Mark Fraizer

Carol Floyd
Ryan Bubb

We wish to report:

1. **Resolution No. 16-46** authorizing and directing the Auditor of the City of Newark to pay bills on behalf of the Income Tax Department pursuant to section 5705.41 (d), then and now certification; and declaring an emergency was considered.

Barb Jobes, Newark City Income Tax Administrator- we need to pay our bill for our software provider.

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

2. **Resolution No. 16-47** authorizing and directing the Auditor of the City of Newark to pay bills on behalf of the Division of Police pursuant to section 5705.41 (d), then and now certification; and declaring an emergency was considered.

Chief Connell- this is the software that we are working with the County on for dispatch and our software for records. This is the first year that we got it so we didn't know the price that is why it is a then and now instead of like we normally do. We normally set up all of our reoccurring subscriptions.

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

3. **Resolution No. 16-48** 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 100, General Fund, in the amount of \$500.00

Account	Description	Amount
100.204.5635	Damage Claims	\$500.00

Director Spurgeon- a couple of weeks ago we talked about our command vehicle in the Division of Fire that was involved in a non-injury auto accident. To get that truck back in service the Division of Fire paid the monies that you were kind enough to re-appropriate the actual expense of it. This piece here is a deductible that we paid up front as well.

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

4. **Resolution No. 16-49** designating allocation of hotel lodging excise tax revenue generated pursuant to chapter 892 of the codified ordinances of the City of Newark, Ohio was considered.

Director Mauter- as the resolution states we are just trying to allocate our bed tax money for this year. As you can see on the bottom of your first page there is a chart that shows the Bed Tax Committee which consists of Mayor Hall, Director Rhodes, myself, Dan Moder from the Licking County Convention of Visitors Bureau, Carol Floyd and Doug Marmie. There are five main organizations that we would like to distribute funds to. White's Field, NASA Soccer, Canal Market, Reese Ice Arena and Newark Catholic High School. The first four we are proposing that we distribute funds over the next four years and Newark Catholic over the next two years.

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

Mrs. Floyd- I just wanted to mention that the last section says balance of distribution recommended by committee each year which we will do later. There are usually some additional funds and we give money to the Midland, The Works and some other groups that ask for it.

Mr. Rath- I was wondering what happens to the additional \$25,000.00 in 2018, 2019, and 2020 that we are not giving to Newark Catholic?

Director Mauter- that comes under the Committee's review.

Mr. Rath- why do we stop?

Mr. Marmie- Newark Catholics need is more immediate so instead of spreading it over 5 years we asked that it be in the next 2 years. If we would have spread it over 5 years it probably would have been the same amount but the need is more urgent for the next two years so they have asked for it up front.

Mr. Fraizer- do we know what these organizations are going to use these funds for? Have we already been in communication with them?

Director Mauter- they submitted letters and in those letters they stated what they were requesting the funds for. Newark Catholic for example are in need of new football

bleachers their bleachers were condemned, basketball bleachers, baseball netting, track resurfacing and gym floor replacement. They have a huge need I am seeing probably \$370,000.00 request there. Reese Ice Arena needs a new chiller that costs about \$100,000.00, NASA Soccer wants to make improvements to bring in additional people and have additional tournaments, Canal Market I think that you know the story there we are getting it off and running on May 27th. It is a huge draw to our Newark area. I believe people from 5 states have expressed an interest in what is going on down here at Canal Market.

Mayor Hall- we try to give to organizations that might tend to lead to overnight stays at hotels to refuel the pot. From the schools perspective they bring in basketball tournaments and soccer tournaments at times.

Mr. Fraizer- Don Edwards Park is that something that is going away now or is that somewhere else in the budget, is that what we used this for before if I'm not mistaken?

Mr. Marmie- yes we paid it off

Mr. Blake- how much does it generate annually?

Director Mauter- the budget was \$180,000.00 and that is what Council appropriated. We have about \$140,000.00 going towards those organizations so that leaves a balance \$40,000.00 at the discretion of the committee.

Mr. Blake- is there a timeline, a window for those requests to come in for consideration from the Midland and the Works that Carol mentioned or does the committee just meet to decide?

Mayor Hall- this is a replacement piece of legislation for 5 years so that takes effect and then we will probably meet in the next few weeks again to do that. We have the letters from The Works and the Midland. The intent is to give them that money it will probably just be another piece of legislation that will come before you. It won't be a piece of legislation it will be a request from the committee and Council will vote on the approval.

Motion passed by a vote of 5-0.

Doug Marmie, Chair