Finance Committee Minutes

Honorable Council City of Newark, Ohio June 28, 2016

The Finance Committee met in Council Chambers on Tuesday June 27, 2016 with these members in attendance:

Carol Floyd, Vice Chair Curtis Johnson for Doug Marmie Bill Cost Jr. Mark Fraizer Ryan Bubb

We wish to report:

1. **Ordinance No. 16-27** to provide for the issuance of \$1,120,000.00 of bond anticipation notes in anticipation of the issuance of bonds for the purpose of paying the cost of various street and parking lot improvements, sidewalk construction and lighting improvements and all necessary appurtenances thereto and declaring an emergency was considered.

Steve Johnson, City Auditor- this is a one year bond anticipation note and I was here about a month ago with a 1.1 million dollar note renewal and I said that it would be merged in with the second note which is this one next year. This was used for street, sidewalk improvements, parking lots and things of that nature. We are renewing it for one more year then it will be bonded.

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

Mrs. Floyd- why is the emergency clause on it?

Steve Johnson- there is a due date and nobody will do anything to process this instrument until the legislation is passed.

Motion passed by a vote of 5-0.

2. **Ordinance No. 16-28** providing for the issuance of not to exceed \$1,730,000 east main street improvement refunding bonds, and declaring an emergency was considered.

Steve Johnson- this will refinance the East Main Street TIF which is known by everybody as the Longaberger TIF. The TIF is no longer working properly and the City is obligated to pay the principal and interest so we are doing a refunding issue which will allow us to bring the payments down a little bit because the interest market has changed since this initiative was issued. I am estimating that we will save about a quarter of a million dollars over the life of the debt by reissuing this. We could even save more because of "Brexit" in England the markets are in turmoil.

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

Mrs. Floyd- again is there a due date involved in this?

Steve Johnson- yes and there is a lot of people involved in this and no one will start their portion of the process until the legislation is in place.

Mr. Fraizer- how long is the bond for?

Steve Johnson- this one I think is going to be a 20 year issue. Currently I think we have a 25 year issue and there is 18 years left on it, it's not really extending it that much longer.

Mr. Fraizer- was the original 3.2 million?

Steve Johnson- it was back when this all began. This will be the second time we have had a refunding issue on this.

Motion passed by a vote of 5-0.

3. **Resolution No. 16-54** appropriating monies for the current expenses of the municipal corporation was considered.- Expedite

Section 1. There is hereby a request for an appropriation of the unappropriated balance of the 231, Probation Grant Fund, in the amount of \$1,012.00

Account	Description	Amount
231.113.5312	Law	\$1,012.00
	Enforcement	
	Supplies	

Director Sadd- we had a defendant have a device stolen from his vehicle and he paid us back and we would like to purchase another one.

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

Mr. **Fraizer**- just for clarification he has repaid this and the allocation is to repurchase it, no real money out of taxpayers?

Director Sadd- exactly and this was actually originally purchased with grant money. **Motion passed by a vote of 5-0.**

4. **Resolution No. 16-57** appropriating monies for the current expenses of the municipal corporation was considered.

Section 1. There is hereby a request for an appropriation of the unappropriated balance of the 266, NSP RLF Fund, in the amount of \$450.00

Account	Description	Amount
266.807.5238	Services General	\$450.00

Director Rhodes- there is \$450.00 in the NSP Revolving Loan Fund that we want to move into services general to help with a demolition project.

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

5. **Resolution No. 16-58** appropriating monies for the current expenses of the municipal corporation was considred.- Expedite LATE ITEM

Section 1. There is hereby a request for an appropriation of the unappropriated balance of the 153, Compensated Absences Fund, in the amount of \$115.00

Account	Description	Amount
153.302.5143	Termination Sick Pay	\$25.00
153.302.5144	Termination	90.00
	Vacation Pay	

Director Rhodes- we appreciate Council's willingness to hear this being a late item. We had a retirement in the Traffic Department and one thing that we always do is try to give an employee their money as quickly as possible.

Mrs. Floyd- we can't make a motion on this as I understand because it is a late item, we can discuss it but at Council we can use Rule 11 and expedite this because we usually expedite things that are money returned to people.

Mr. **Fraizer**- are we hiring somebody to replace him?

Director Rhodes- that's a very good question. In the Traffic Department there were 4 Traffic Technicians. We had one Technician transfer to the Water Department and you have to hold that position open for a period of time because they have the right per contract to come back and this individual who just recently retired had a surgery done came back took some vacation time all contractually allowable things and now he has retired. I will probably be before this Council to make some changes to Street and Traffic. To answer your question yes but in a little different format.

Carol Floyd, Vice Chair