

Finance Committee Minutes

Honorable Council
City of Newark, Ohio
June 30, 2015

The Finance Committee met in Council Chambers on Monday June 29, 2015 with these members in attendance:

Jeremy Blake
Doug Marmie
Bill Cost Jr.

Carol Floyd
Ryan Bubb

We wish to report:

1. **Resolution No. 15-24** appropriating monies for current expenses of the municipal corporation with regard to the retention of outside legal counsel was considered.

Director Rhodes- we need to move \$10,000.00 into professional services. These dollars are being appropriated from the General Fund from proceeds of the auction we had at the impound lot.

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

Mr. Blake- is there a reason we need to retain outside legal counsel?

Director Buskirk- it is going into professional services because some it will be used for legal counsel and the other we are required by contract to keep a list of new hires in Police and Fire as well as promotions. Those lists have expired and need to be redone. We weren't planning on doing them this year but with the few hiring we did and the number we ended up skipping over we are going to have to redo some of those. The Ohio Revised Code speaks to the list. If you are interested in becoming a fireman you would take two different tests then based on your score we have a list that which has names that scored a 70 or higher to be eligible. We then go straight down the list when we hire someone.

Mr. Blake- the majority of this will go to that then?

Director Buskirk- no, we also have arbitrations and things of that nature we have to pay for. I wouldn't say that the majority is going for testing but it is for more than legal counsel.

Director Rhodes- when I served on this Council the budget for professional services was \$250,000.00 and we made a conscious decision to trim that way back. We asked our Directors to come before Council and explain when they needed more money.

Dave McElfresh, 153 N 39th St- my question for the chair is do we not already have a current list for the firefighters?

Director Buskirk- I used the firefighters as an example it is the Police that we need the list for right now.

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

2. **Resolution No. 15-61** appropriating monies for current expenses of the municipal corporation was considered.

Section 1. A request for an appropriation of the unappropriated balance of the 100, General Fund, in the amount of \$11,055.47 (to cover cost of Impound Clerk duties through year end)

Account	Description	Amount
100.155.5111	Salary	\$7,805.34
100.155.5122	PERS	1,092.75
100.155.51221	PU	390.27
100.155.5126	Medicare	113.18
100.155.5127	Work Comp	176.70
100.155.51241	AFCS	175.67
100.155.5124	Health	1,301.56

Director Rhodes- again these proceeds are coming out of the proceeds from the sale at the impound lot. For budgeting and bookkeeping reasons when we created the Impound Lot Coordinator/ Traffic Clerk because those dollars come out of different areas we need to have different funding for that position. We are setting up the portion of the funding that will be done for the impound lot.

Mr. Blake- what were the proceeds from the last sale?

Director Rhodes- we did about \$24,500.00. We are planning another auction in October and we hope to have close to 100 cars in there but scrap prices are still down. When we do this budgeting we have to do estimates and this year we estimated \$50,000.00 of revenue off of the impound lot.

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

Section 2. A request for a disappropriation of the unappropriated balance of the 100, General Fund, in the amount of \$4,700.00

Account	Description	Amount
100.121.5292	Property Taxes	\$1,331.00
100.121.5501	Land Purchases	3,369.00

Director Rhodes- I have an employee of ours in the Custodial area that picked up health insurance. In years past that employee didn't have health insurance so we are asking to disappropriate dollars that we fill are extras in this budget to cover that expense. In the next section is the appropriation. We are merely moving money around to cover for an expense that wasn't accounted for.

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

Motion passed by a vote of 5-0.

Section 3. A request for an appropriation of the unappropriated balance of the 100, General Fund, in the amount of \$4,700.00

Account	Description	Amount
100.124.5124	Health Ins	\$4,700.00

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

Motion passed by a vote of 5-0.

Section 4. A request for an appropriation of the unappropriated balance of the 100, General Fund, in the amount of \$1,694.24

Account	Description	Amount
100.121.5238	Services General	\$1,694.24

Director Rhodes- Mr. Marmie challenged me about three years ago to go after property taxes to save tax payers money and we collected \$1,694.24 and we would like to have that appropriated.

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

Motion passed by a vote of 5-0.

Section 5. A request for an appropriation of the unappropriated balance of the 100, General Fund, in the amount of \$750.00

Account	Description	Amount
100.432.5331	Machinery/ Equipment	\$750.00

Director Rhodes- we would like to thank our friends at the Elks, this is a donation from them that we received for the purpose of equipment at the Parks Department. With this money we will be able to buy two blowers, one of them being a back pack and a chainsaw.

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

Section 6. A request for an appropriation of the unappropriated balance of the 152, Budget Stabilization Fund, in the amount of \$10,000.00

Account	Description	Amount
152.100.5901001	OPT	\$10,000.00

Director Buskirk- section 6 and 7 are related. The \$10,000.00 would go into professional services. I need \$20,000.00 and they were kind enough to offer 10,000.00. We are trying to stay out of that fund.

**Motion by Mr. Bubb to send to full Council, second Mrs. Floyd
Motion passed by a vote of 3-2(Mr. Blake & Mr. Marmie)**

Section 7. A request for an appropriation of the unappropriated balance of the 100, General Fund, in the amount of \$10,000.00

Account	Description	Amount
100.114.5231	Professional Services	\$10,000.00

**Motion by Mr. Bubb to send to full Council, second Mr. Cost
Motion passed by a vote of 3-2(Mr. Blake, Mr. Marmie)**

3. Consider **Resolution No. 15-64** appropriating monies for current expenses of the municipal corporation- Expedite

Section 1. A request for an appropriation of the unappropriated balance of the 153, Compensated Absences Fund, in the amount of \$550.00 (Payout for Toni Dawson)

Account	Description	Amount
153.112.5144	Termination Vacation	550.00

Judge Stansbury- this is a payout of unused vacation time for an employee no longer in my office.

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

Section 2. A request for disappropriation of the appropriated balance of the 231, Probation Improvement & Incentive Grant Fund, in the amount of \$10,020.00

Account	Description	Amount
231.232.5111	Salary/Fringes	\$10,020.00

Director Saad- section 2 and 3 are related. I filed a budget revision for the Probation Improvement & Incentive Grant. We had an excess of \$10,020.00 in the Salaries Fund that we would like to move to Law Enforcement Supplies to purchase SCRAM units and office furniture.

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

Section 3. A request for an appropriation of the unappropriated balance of the 231, Probation Improvement & Incentive Grant Fund, in the amount of \$10,020.00

Account	Description	Amount
231.232.5312	Law Enforcement Supplies	\$10,020.00

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

Jeremy Blake, Chair