

## Finance Committee Minutes

Honorable Council  
City of Newark, Ohio  
January 14, 2014

Finance Committee met in Council Chambers on Monday January 13, 2014 at 5:30 P.M. with these members in attendance:

Jeremy Blake, Chair  
Doug Marmie  
Ryan Bubb

Carol Floyd  
Bill Cost Jr.

1. **Resolution No. 14-02** authorizing and directing the Mayor of the City of Newark to prepare and submit to the Ohio EPA an application for a 2014 community grant was considered.

**Barbara Gilkes-** this will be the City's first grant application for this EPA grant, the area of our interest is the community litter grant. It is not a grant for personnel, what we are looking at is a 50/50 match. We can ask up to \$20,000.00 but right now the Cemetery and Parks Division and I are talking about some of the options that are out there. One of our areas of concern is surveillance cameras out at TJ. There is a lot of illegal dumping and we could request cameras that will tie in with the Police Departments cameras. I met with Bob Carson; I work with him a lot on our Police grants, if we are able to purchase cameras they need to tie in with that system. We are looking at two cameras as an option. We are also looking at two solar recycling collection containers for placement on the square. Part of it is recycling but part of this is tied to the small personnel staff that is able to deal with litter and recycling. The other item for discussion is a Hoagie roll off which is basically a big container that would set on a concrete base and a vehicle could back up to this container and the recycling material, scrap metal could be dumped in the truck and taken away. The Division of Cemetery and Parks does make some money on that scrap metal, not a lot but it does help their operation. Those are the three areas we are looking at. I ask that we waive the second day reading because the grant application is due February 3<sup>rd</sup> and we would be in good shape if we could do that.

**Mrs. Floyd-** could you explain the things for down around the square?

**Barbara Gilkes-** they are a combination of trash and recycling containers but they are solar powered.

**Mrs. Floyd-** I heard you say solar powered and I didn't know how that quite fit in.

**Barbara Gilkes-** The city of Cleveland has 25 of them but they have an area in Cleveland where they have three large sports venues so they have these containers placed there because they have the same situation in Cleveland that we have here. We don't have enough people to take care of all of the trash.

**Lesa Best-** how many of the area garbage collectors do recycling?

**Barbara Gilkes-** I know that Waste Management can supply the containers; this is just going to be in the City of Newark.

**Lesa Best-** yes, like the garbage collectors are in the City of Newark

**Barbara Gilkes-** we would be looking at purchasing the containers through Waste Management because the other suppliers to my knowledge do not have the solar containers.

**Lesa Best-** explain to me what a solar container is

**Barbara Gilkes-** I have a description if you want to look at it

**Lesa Best-** it is powered by the sun?

**Barbara Gilkes-** let me give this to you and you can look at it Lesa

**Mr. Marmie-** the 50% match where is that coming from?

**Barbara Gilkes-** if we are awarded the grant, we will know in July, it is a twelve month grant so we could request the appropriation for the 2015 budget. Now that could come out of the General Fund, another source is if Service has any funding in their budget, yet another source could be CDBG. We have three options.

**Mr. Bubb-** Barbara when that happens, that match, is there any labor that can be used from Parks and Rec to match part of the grant?

**Barbara Gilkes-** this has to be cash, when we can optimize using in kind labor we do but this type of grant isn't like the ODNR grants where I come to you and ask that we do the in kind work by Cemetery, Parks or a Streets person, this is straight cash.

**Director Rhodes-** Chicago just put 800 of these in and they are going to save about a million dollars in labor. We have our Parks and Recs guys that come downtown and empty trash twice a week right now and it is not nearly enough. We think that if we can implement these and get grant dollars to buy these that for every five times that they would empty the trash they would only have to empty it once. That is our goal to not only have a cleaner area but to spend less labor. These would be kind of pilot things.

**Mr. Bubb-** you would have to enter into contract with a hauling company once those would be installed, is that correct?

**Barbara Gilkes-** yes, but Waste Management can supply the type of container we are looking at.

**Motion by Mr. Bubb, second by Mrs. Floyd to send Resolution 14-02 to full Council**

**Lesa Best-** why isn't the County doing this, I thought that they had a recycling program.

Someone in the audience answered they do.

**Lesa Best-** so we are going to pay Waste Management to do this, the City?

**Barbara Gilkes-** the City if we choose to could obtain those containers from Waste Management; we do not have to get them from Waste Management.

**Lesa Best-** why do we have to get them at all? Why doesn't the County do this?

**Barbara Gilkes-** I really can't answer why the County won't do that Lesa, I do know that Parks people are responsible for picking up litter and this is looking at what Dave said we don't have man power and he thinks it is going to be a cost savings. We are just considering it we may not go for that.

**Mrs. Floyd**- the County does have a litter program but basically I have a bunch of stuff on my back porch that I have to load into my car to take to one of those places to put in the dumpster for them to recycle it.

**Ms. Best** started to speak from the audience and Mr. Blake stopped her

**Lesa Best**- is this Committee or is this Council?

**Mr. Blake**- it is Committee but we are going to do it in an orderly fashion; we are not going to have random comments, let me address you first.

**Mrs. Floyd**- you have to take it to a recycling place and as I understand it this is basically to save labor costs for the City for the workers in the Parks and Recs Department.

**Mr. Bubb**- one item that I observed in the last year Lesa that might help a little bit, for example during the Cruise In with the trash, trash was over flowing. We had to call somebody from Parks in and pay them overtime. I think this may alleviate some of that on the cost side of it. Because we have a lot of trash overflowing downtown I think that is where some of that comes in to play.

**Lesa Best**- I totally understand that but to Mrs. Floyd point, you can pay your trash collector to pick up your recycling so for those few instances that the City has to take care of once again County grounds as far as trash goes, I guess I don't understand why the County can't deal with it when they already have a recycling program.

**Mr. Bubb**- I believe, it is my understanding referencing the square right around the Courthouse, is that what you are referencing?

**Lesa Best**- yes

**Mr. Bubb**- I believe we have to maintain that, it is City, not the Courthouse but the land around it Lesa.

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

**Resolution No. 14-03** authorizing and directing the Mayor of the city of Newark to prepare and submit an application to the United States Environmental Protection Agency Community-Wide Petroleum Assessment grant was considered.

**Stuart Moynihan**- as you said this will allow us to submit a grant application to the US EPA. This grant is very similar to the one that we have already secured; this is the Community-Wide Brownfield Assessment grant which that allows us to look at all sorts of Brownfield related properties, however it does not allow us to do testing upon sites where petroleum is the primary contaminating agent. This grant's function is the same it allows us to look at sites such as old gas stations, old service shops where you would suspect petroleum related products were the primary containments on the property.

**Mrs. Floyd**- would that include, I had some people ask about the old gas station at the corner of 6<sup>th</sup> and W Main?

**Stuart Moynihan**- it could very well, yes

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

**Mr. Marmie**- is there any matching dollar requirements?

**Stuart Moynihan**- there is no match requirement and may I also ask as Ms. Gilkes did, I would like to ask for a waiver of the second reading on this.

**Mr. Marmie**- and the second part is could you the old Clark station on the corner of Deo and Mt. Vernon Rd.

**Mr. Greene**- asked what the amount was

**Stuart Moynihan**- \$200,000.00

**Motion passed by a vote 5-0** to send Resolution 14-03 to full Council

2. **Resolution No. 14-04** appropriating monies for the current expenses of the municipal corporation was considered.

a) A request for an appropriation of the unappropriated balance of the 422, Debt Service Fund, in the amount of \$146,068.00

Account	Description	Amount
422.901.5413	Evans Blvd Principal Pymt	\$55,000.00
422.901.5423	Evans Blvd Interest Pymt	8,833.00
422.902.5413	Recreational Facilities Principal	\$10,000.00
422.902.5423	Recreational Facilities Interest	6,615.00
422.903.5413	Safety Facilities Principal	40,000.00
422.903.5423	Safety Facilities Interest	25,620.00

**City Auditor, Steve Johnson**- the first one is a request for an appropriation for \$146,068.00. This would be coming from the unappropriated balance of the Debt Service Fund. It is to be appropriated to pay principal and interest on three bond issues.

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

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

b) A request for an appropriation of the unappropriated balance of the 228, Income Tax Fund, in the amount of \$232,758.20 (Dollars left in Income Tax at the end of 2013 to General Fund)

Account	Description	Amount
228.131.5901001	OPT	\$232,758.20

**City Auditor, Steve Johnson**- the second one is an appropriation for \$232,758.20. This represents the money that is left in the Income Tax Fund at the end of the fiscal year. There are GAP accounting rules in Government Accounting Standards Board of Regulation that says this money must be moved out of the Income Tax Fund because that fund is not allowed to be keeping cash. So along

with our Tax Ordinance this will appropriate the money in a transfer account within the Income Tax Department allowing the City to transfer that money into the General Fund where it is supposed to be.

**Motion by Mrs. Floyd, second by Mr. Bubb to send Resolution 14-04 to full Council**

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

- c) A request for an appropriation of the unappropriated balance of the 100, General Fund, in the amount of \$34,913.73 (15% of Income Tax Collections due to Capital Improvements from year end 2013)

Account	Description	Amount
100.111.5901335	OPT	\$34,913.73

**City Auditor, Steve Johnson-** this represents the portion of the previous amount of money left in Income Tax that is due to the Capital Improvements Fund. Our Tax Ordinance allows for 85% of the tax revenue to be posted into the General Fund, 15% of that shall pass on through to Capital Improvements. This is part of the \$232,000.00 that you just acted on. It will allow my office to transfer that from General to Capital Improvements Fund.

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

**Mr. Marmie-** so when this transfer out this leaves our unappropriated balance at about what amount?

**City Auditor, Steve Johnson-** it will stand at about \$1459.00

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

**Chair, Jeremy Blake**