

## Capital Improvements Minutes

Honorable Council  
City of Newark, Ohio  
August 16, 2021

The Capital Improvement Committee met in Council Chambers on Monday, August 16, 2021 following the Service Committee with these members present:

Jonathan Lang - Chair  
Jeremy Blake sitting in for Dee Hall – Vice Chair  
Jeff Rath  
Doug Marmie sitting in for Mark Labutis  
Sean Fennell

We wish to Report:

1. Consider **Resolution No. 21-48** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE FOR THE CITY OF NEWARK, OHIO, TO ENTER INTO A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH PARKNATIONAL BANKL FOR THE LEASE-PURCHASE OF MISCELLANEOUS MOWER AND OTHER EQUIPMENT FOR USE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SERVICE

**David Rhodes, Service Director** – To give an example of what we're looking for, for the Street Department, we're looking at two tractors with 15 foot brush hogs, a 15 foot finish mower, a 22 foot arm mower so it can reach down the banks, also a Polaris UTV to help pick up trash on the highway and additional mowers for the Cemetery and Parks Department.

**Motion to send to full council by Mr. Rath, second by Mr. Bubb, motion passed 5-0**

2. Consider **Resolution No. 21-49** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE FOR THE CITY OF NEWARK, OHIO, TO ENTER INTO A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH PARK NATION BANK FOR THE LEASE-PURCHASE OF ONE (1) LADDER TRUCK FOR THE DIVISION OF FIRE WITHOUT COMPETATIVE BIDDING AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

**David Rhodes, Service Director** – This was referred to the Law Director's Office per a conversation with the Fire Chief. The Mayor and Fire Chief and I talked about this when we are able to move forward with this we are at about \$1.2 million, at that point then we will look at where we are with either a 6,7 or 8 year lease and something we will chat with the Finance Chair about once we get closer. We wouldn't be making our first payment until about 2023.

**Motion to send to full council by Mr. Rath, second by Mr. Fennell**

**Mr. Lang** – I did speak with the Chief, but just want to put it on record, our current ladder truck is 23 years old, if you could, just briefly speak to the condition of that truck.

**Fire Chief, Patrick Connor** – Our current ladder truck was purchased in 1996, so it's 26 years old. Purchased in I think June of 1996, it's price at that time was \$630k, twenty six years later, the price of the truck is right around \$1.2 to \$1.3 million. It is a necessary piece of equipment and a once in a career purchase.

**Mr. Lang** – Could you speak to any current ongoing or upcoming maintenance we have on the current ladder truck?

**Chief Connor** – The current ladder truck in the last 5 years, we've had at least \$75k in maintenance dollars alone with that apparatus. This past Friday it was out of service for 5-6 hours while it's pump was repaired once again and the mechanic said, you may get 10 minutes out of this, you may get 10 months, but you're looking at larger problems with the pump on that apparatus. It also failed its 2021 inspection for hydraulic issues and other major component issues that we did pay for out of our maintenance budget to repair and keep the truck in service, but it is a maintenance nightmare for us at this time. FDA requirements currently which govern the industry standards for the fire department specifically say a fire apparatus is 15 years frontline service, 5 years reserve service and then it should be gone. We've gotten 26 years out of this, we've done a good job keeping it on the road, it's just time to replace that apparatus. I think this is good dollars spent to save lives.

**Mr. Lang** – Director Rhodes, the rationale for the emergency clause on this one?

**Chief Connor** – Right now we have an apparatus that we have, it's right off the line, it fits our needs, it's perfect. The manufacturer is Pierce manufacturing out of Appleton, Wisconsin. We're buying the truck from Atlantic Solutions. They're letting us hold it for 60 days. The current apparatus we have is 10 minutes from being out of service again at any given moment, they're working with us to provide an apparatus we can put into service to be able to serve the community. Once the truck is received, it does take a little time to get things put in it radios and things that will make it serviceable and then training. It's a large piece of equipment and all of our 84 people will have to go through training to be able to safely operate that apparatus, so we want to take advantage. There is also quite a big jump in price if we don't act now. It will save the city to buy now. Every year the costs go up exponentially on these apparatus. They're so expensive and they are so in need. We feel very fortunate we've found one that fits Newark perfectly, it's ready to go and we're trying to get that sooner rather than later.

**Mr. Rath** – What are we going to do with the old one?

**Chief Connor** – The old one will not go to reserve status. It will be sold on Gov Deals. The estimates I'm getting for what we will get for that truck is no more than \$25k. We talked about depreciating assets. Especially in a city like Newark, we're busy, it's not sitting in the bay all the time, it's making runs. Another municipality is not interested in looking at something that's worn out. We're estimating \$25k, I hope maybe \$50k if we get lucky.

**Mr. Blake** – Is the current truck located at the downtown station?

**Chief Connor** – It is.

**Mr. Blake** – Is this the south end pride truck?

**Chief Connor** – No, it's the sister truck. A ladder is requirement on fires we have respond by ISO ratings and it keeps peoples insurance rates low in the city. The same with Roger we all work together when it comes to ISO water, fire protection, so all these things kind of work together to keep the rates low.

**Motion passed 5-0**

3. Consider **Resolution No. 21-51 Expedite** A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING MONIES FOR CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

Section 1. There is hereby an appropriation of the unappropriated balance of the 335 Capital Improvement Fund, in the amount of \$320,738.55

335.204.5211300	Lease Payment	145,227.09
335.203.5211200	Lease Payment	67,840.93
335.302.5532	Lease Payment	107,670.53

**David Rhodes, Service Director** – This is what we did in Finance and it now needs appropriated in Capital Improvements.

**Mr. Lang** – And the emergency clause on this one?

**Director Rhodes** – So the funds hit the account so we can move forward.

**Motion to send to full council by Mr. Rath, second by Mr. Marmie, motion passed 5-0**

Capital Improvements stands adjourned

Jonathan Lang, Chair