Capital Improvements Minutes

Honorable Council
City of Newark, Ohio
September 15, 2015

The Capital Improvement Committee met in Council Chambers on Monday September 14, 2015
following the Economic Development Committee with these members present:

Jeff Rath, Vice Chair   Bill Cost Jr.
Carol Floyd for Dee Hall   Alex Rolletta
Curtis Johnson

We wish to Report:

1. **Resolution No. 15-88** appropriating monies for the current expenses of the
   municipal corporation was considered.

   Section 1. A request for an appropriation of the unappropriated balance of the 335, Capital
   Improvement Fund, in the amount of $11,667.00 (Traffic Control Software License Payment 1
   of 3)

Account	Description	Amount
335.302.5536	Computer Software/Hardware	$11,667.00

   Director Rhodes- when I was first appointed Service Director it was brought to my attention
   that we had software that ran our traffic lights that was outdated and that it needed to be
   updated. We began to look to see what the best alternative would be. We settled on
   software called Tactics. It has a lot of the same characteristics of our current software but it
   is updated. Our current software is not supported by Windows 7 which means we have a lot
   of mandates just to keep it up and running. The starting price for this software was
   $70,000.00 and we kept negotiating. If you let them sit long enough they will drop their
   price. The negotiated price for this software is $33,000.00. They wanted $7,000.00 to install
   it but we are going to install it ourselves, it seems pretty simple to install. I negotiated three
   payments of $11,000.00. This software will do things like traffic monitoring, failed
   intersection pages, critical data which is the timing, car counts that go through intersections
   and it can do things for the Engineering Department such as an analysis on traffic counts
   and even give proposed diagrams for proposed new traffic flow based off of the counts. We
   can do remote fixes from a cell phone or an iPad or a computer. The first year we are going
   to take the dollars out of Capital Improvements then as we look at the budget maybe I can
   get this in the Street Traffic Department budget.

Mr. **Rath**- since we are installing it ourselves what type of service and support do we have?

Director Rhodes- Mr. Carson from Alpha Link can come over as well as a sales rep.

Mr. Rath- do you feel that is ample? Is there a service contract we are avoiding and of what cost?

Director Rhodes- I do, we are and $15,000.00

Motion by Mr. **Johnson to send to full Council, second by Mr. Cost**

Mr. Cost- when you talk about being able to do traffic counts would that be for an intersection that doesn't have a light or would it be able to be reviewed to determine the need for a light with a system like this.

Director Rhodes- no we would do that study further in house. This would send out information for traffic counts, possibly different timing. You and I have spoken different times about 21st Street. This would send indicators when things are backed up further and currently things are backed up further because of the closure we have on Country Club.

Sargent McKee, Upson Downs Rd- how does it determine what the traffic flow is like? Is it cameras?

Director Rhodes- it is sensors in the lights themselves.

Rusty White, 1409 Residence Dr- is there are going to be other equipment required like servers and computers other than the software? What much is it going to cost the City to do what $7,000.00 would do if they did it? Would they do it a lot quicker than the City?

Director Rhodes- the first answer is no we don't need any additional computers. The second answer is we are going to use our staff; they have the time to install it themselves.

Rusty White- so they have nothing to do but…..?

Director Rhodes- no I said they have the time to do it themselves. I didn't think the additional $7,000.00 was good use of taxpayers' dollars.

Rusty White- time frame?

Director Rhodes- to put it in? probably two days.

Motion passed by a vote of 5-0.

Jeff Rath, Vice Chair