

Service Committee Minutes

Honorable Council
City of Newark, Ohio
October 10, 2017

The Service Committee met in Council Chambers on Monday October 10, 2017 following the Personnel Committee with these members in attendance:

Jeff Rath
Bill Cost Jr
Mark Fraizer
Carol Floyd
Ryan Bubb

We wish to report:

1. **Resolution No. 17-78** authorizing and directing the Director of Public Service to negotiate and enter into contract without competitive bidding for the purchase and installation of an air cooled chiller at Newark Police Department Headquarters and declaring an emergency was considered.

Safety Director Baum- as you may or may not know a chiller is essentially a very large air conditioner. The chiller is failing at the Police Department, I understand that it is capital improvement but I also understand a bid of roughly \$85-90,000.00 would be very challenging out of that budget. The Police Department has had a minimum of 6 and a maximum of 9 vacancies at any one time during the year therefore we have an excess in the salary account. I asked Jackie Prince in the Auditor's office to evaluate how much that was and she advised me removing the salaries and anticipated raises for this year as well as the 1.75% raises for next year as well what was left over was a little over \$200,000.00. When we went for bids for a new chiller, let me preface that by saying we put money into the chiller last year, we need to put money into the chiller this year if we are not going to replace it. It is not several hundred dollars it is several thousand dollars at a time. The chiller is 12 years old. We received a bid from Johnson Control for \$89,000.00 which includes a 5 year warranty as well as Johnson Control training two Police Department personnel in first response actions so we don't pay them a service call. As somebody who used to authorize payment of those bills it is usually not less than \$4-500.00 to get them to come to the Police Station and if they hit a reset button it is very frustrating. I will take it out of the salary account and I am asking for a waiver of the reading rule so we can still get it out of this year's budget also part of the price that we received from Johnson Control is a time of the year when they are happy to do air conditioner work and not next July when it fails completely.

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

Mrs. Floyd- I just wanted to say that when I was there and Mr. Cost was there last week for coffee with a cop it was mentioned by two of the Deputy Chiefs that was something that really needed to be replaced. We asked if they could continue to repair it and they said that was \$5-6,000.00 here and there then before you know it you've put a lot of money into it and that it was old enough that it just needed to be replaced so I am in favor of this motion.

President Ellington- how long can we expect one of these to last?

Director Baum- with the maintenance agreement anywhere from 15-20 years, previous administration didn't believe in maintenance agreements, one was not purchased and in 12 years we are going to need to replace it.

Mr. Rath- do that price include a maintenance agreement?

Director Baum- 5 years. The Police Department within their budget has them come quarterly to check it and clean it. In the event of some sort of failure or alarm they are going to train two of our people to diagnose that first alarm so I guess no we don't have a specific maintenance agreement but we pay them quarterly to come. The Police Department has figured that into their budget. When we get a price we wouldn't want a maintenance agreement on a 12 year old device that has never had a maintenance agreement, we wouldn't want to pay that fee. With a new device we are certainly willing to entertain what the cost of a maintenance agreement would be going forward. The price is going to be lower if we start with a maintenance agreement but if you try to pick one up after several years the company is going to entertain a penalty for that.

Mr. Fraizer- is the \$89,000.00 with installation, tax and warranty?

Director Baum- I understand the \$89,000.00 to it. They show up, hook it up and that's it.

Motion passed by a vote of 5-0.

Mr. Marmie- I think we are going to need the funding for that. without it you won't be able to enter into contract.

Director Baum- so you are going to need a disappropriation and an appropriation?

Mr. Marmie- without it you won't be able to enter into contract.

Director Baum- I can't get you one of those tonight but I will get you one, I will take care of that.

Jeff Rath, Chair