

Service Committee Minutes

Honorable Council
City of Newark, Ohio
November 10, 2015

There was a meeting of the Service Committee in Council Chambers on Monday November 9, 2015 after the Finance Committee with these members present:

Bill Cost Jr., Chair
Jeff Rath
Jeremy Blake

Ryan Bubb
Alex Rolletta

We wish to Report:

1. **Resolution No. 15-100** authorizing and directing the Director of Public Service to advertise for bids and enter into contracts, subject to the appropriation of funds, for the demolition of 116 Union Street was considered.

Director Mauter- we have Federal funds involved from the Brownfield Grant that we are going to be using to take the building down here at 116 Union Street. In order to do that we have to have legislation to use those public funds and to be able to put it out to bid so that is why I am here tonight.

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

Mr. Johnson- where is 116 Union Street?

Director Mauter- do you know where the old Mr. B's Appliance Repair building is? Right across from Flying Colors preschool as well. It is a smaller building in a grouping.

Mr. Cost- are we matching any funds?

Director Mauter- we can use all of the Brownfield Grant funds. We are going to use them to acquire the property and demo as well.

Mr. Blake- Director Mauter it is my understanding that this has been an eyesore for some time that your office has been dealing with in one fashion or another so I just wanted to publicly say thank you for being steadfast getting rid of this property. I know it is hard sometimes dealing with commercial property.

Mr. Rath- why is Brownfield money being used to clean up there area there?

Director Mauter- all of the asbestos there and we had to use the Brownfield funds for the Union Street corridor. We approached a few different property owners about doing some work but for some reason or another it didn't work out. This is one of the items on the list and it is an acceptable project for the funds so we are glad to be able to put this

together. It is a part of town that we would like to piece together and maybe eventually have that whole corner.

Motion passed by a vote of 5-0.

2. **Resolution No. 15-101** authorizing and directing the Director of Public Service of the City of Newark, Ohio to negotiate and enter into contract, subject to the appropriation of funds, for professional engineering services in connection with the design and construction of an anaerobic digestion system upgrade projects. Pursuant to article 10.02 (d) of the charter of the City of Newark, this contract for professional services does not require competitive bidding was considered.

Roger Loomis, Utility Superintendent- we are sending out RFQ's, request for qualifications for engineering service to design an anaerobic digestion system to upgrade our current anaerobic digestion system at the Waste Water Treatment Plant. This is the system that we use to stabilize slug and solids from the process and the reuse that on farm fields. This particular unit is almost 30 years old. We have spent a lot of money maintaining an anaerobic digester that is a very corrosive environment and it deteriorates quickly. It is a very complicated system and it is part of a critical process for us because we generate about \$350,000.00 of revenue for the truck waste. Our hope is that with this new system we can generate even more money. This also produces gas that we are currently selling back to the gas company for somewhere between \$25,000.00-\$50,000.00 a year depending on how well our system is working.

Mr. Blake- this costs 4.5 million can you explain how that gets funded?

Roger Loomis- it will be funded by our rate increases that they have in place for the next so many numbers of years.

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

Mr. Blake – so this will essentially be another note that we will be getting to pay for this?

Roger Loomis- this will be out of the Water Pollution Control Loan fund. We would like to apply for a WPCLF Loan because you don't have to pay anything until the end of the project. Even though you capitalize interest in that period there is no payment due during that time. The way that our rates are structured we will have money in 2018 to pay for this when we don't have it today. If I did a bond I would have to start paying that back right away. Repayment start date is July of 2018.

Motion passed by a vote of 5-0.

Bill Cost, Jr, Chair