

Honorable Council

City of Newark, Ohio
July 31, 2012

There was a meeting of the Service Committee in Council Chambers following the Finance Committee, on Monday, July 30, 2012. These members were present:

Jeff Rath, Chair	Ryan Bubb
Ed Houdeshell	Shirley Stare
Duke Frost	

We wish to report:

1. David Rhodes, Service Director brought forth:

Ordinance Number 12-24 authorizing and directing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract, subject to the appropriation of funds, with the combined general health district of Licking County for the continued delivery of public health services to the City of Newark, Ohio.

Service Director: This is the second five (5) year contract that the City of Newark has entered into with the Licking County Health Department. This contract is similar to the first contract; the difference in this contract is that in the Fall of 2015 negotiations will begin regarding the third five year term.

Mr. Rath: asked when this contract would be effective.

Service Director: It would take effect January 2013. One other main difference is that there is not a percent or percent and half increase each year. The rate will remain the same each year. The fee will be negotiated initially and again in 2015. The City paid \$889,000 for health services. The City has negotiated a fee of \$788,000. It is 101,000 savings and considering there is no accelerator it is an 800,000-840,000 saving for the City of Newark.

Mr. Rath: asked if there were any changes to the services provided in this contract.

Service Director: No, no changes to services. Director Rhodes also stated that some of the services are grant funded and when that money is gone so are the services.

Mr. Frost: clarified the savings of \$800,000-840,000

Director Rhodes: clarified that was correct.

Joe Eibel, Health Commissioner: Provided an update regarding the services the Health Department are providing and changes they are making. They are also working on an accreditation. There are employees who are retiring therefore they were able to pass on the savings to the City.

Nancy Welu: inquired whether the Health Department will be offering education to tenants and landlords regarding bedbugs.

Health Commissioner: They go out on request and work with groups. A request just needs to be made and they will set up a presentation.

Mr. Ellington: asked if they have come up with a way to track what services the City of Newark residents are using.

Health Commissioner: they have been able to pull reports fairly easily when their employees have stated what city they were in providing services within their reports.

Mr. Ellington: Are you supporting this 5 year term is a good idea.

Service Director: he stated he feels that it is a good decision especially since there is an opportunity for renegotiation.

Ms. Lesa Best: inquired whether the Health Department is tracking lung disease or cancer in the area.

Health Commissioner: They had a meeting regarding the cancer rate. The Health Department is capable to access the State of Ohio's data base, which they did not have before.

Lesa Best- inquired if they would be able to track the areas where lung cancer is higher in the City of Newark.

Health Commissioner: they are looking into that with the GIS mapping system.

Mr. Bubb: Thanked both parties for handling the negotiation process in a professional manner.

Motion by Mr. Bubb second by Mr. Houdeshell to send Ordinance No. 12-24 to council.

Motion passed by a vote of 5 yeas.

2. David Rhodes, Service Director brought forth:

Resolution 12-62 authorizing and directing the director of public service to accept bids and sell certain surplus personal property now owned by the City of Newark, Ohio, and declaring that such property is no longer needed for any municipal purpose and declaring an emergency.

Service Director: stated that they are requesting to have another sale on September 8, 2012.51 vehicles are ready and bicycles as well as office furniture.

Motion by Mr. Bubb second by Ms. Stare

Law Director, Doug Sassen: asked Mr. Rath whether he was questioning the emergency clause being included in this Ordinance. Mr. Sassen stated that it may have been a typo and that either the legislation could be re drafted or a motion could be made at council to waive the two day reading rule. There is just a calendar issue it is not an emergency to have the sale.

Mr. Rath: stated he would make a motion to waive the two day reading rule.

Motion to send Ordinance No. 12-62 to council passed by a vote of 5 yeas.

Jeff Rath, Chair