

Finance Committee Minutes

Honorable Council
City of Newark, Ohio
November 22, 2022
5:45pm

The Finance Committee met in Council Chambers November 21, 2022 with these members in attendance:

Doug Marmie – Chair
Spencer Barker
Cheri Hottinger
Mark Labutis sitting in for Jonathan Lang
Michael Houser

We wish to report :

Mr. Marmie - First just to keep everybody up to date, the General Fund unappropriated balance is at \$108,839.00 and the Budget Stabilization Fund stands at \$1,057,736.00

1. **Resolution No. 22-108 Exp** APPROPRIATING MONIES FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

Section 1. There is hereby an appropriation of the unappropriated balance of the 621 Water Department Fund, in the amount of \$90,000 (Remote Reading Devices, Original Stock Depleted)

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| 621.706.5534 | Meters | 90,000.00 |
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Roger Loomis, Water Administrator - This is a request for ECU Units, it's a unit we attach to the meter that sends readings back, it's an automated meter reading system. We purchased a number of those when we did the project originally about 10 years ago. We've about run out of those, we also have a lot of development coming into town right now and we're using a lot, that's what this is for.

Motion by Mr. Barker, second by Mr. Labutis to send to full council

Ms. Hottinger - This isn't a Capital Improvement is it?

Mr. Loomis - This is a water fund issue.

Mr. Barker - Just a ballpark, \$90,000, how many meters is that?

Mr. Loomis - The units are about \$110 a piece for the ENT Unit and then the meter is about \$75.00, so whatever the math is for that.

Motion passed 5-0

Section 2. There is hereby an appropriation of the unappropriated balance of the 100 General Fund, in the amount of \$600.00 (Money paid to us by Bryan Varnes for damaged SCRAM unit)

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| 100.116.5312 | Law Enforcement | 600.00 |
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Kevin Saad, Adult Probation Director - This is for a damaged SCRAM Unit.

Motion to send to full council by Mr. Barker, second by Mr. Houser, motion passed 5-0

Section 3. There is hereby an appropriation of the unappropriated balance of the 623 Water Projects Fund, in the amount of \$50,000.00 (Ohio EPA Grant for Lead Service Line Inventory Work)

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| 623.706.5238.765 | Services General | 50,000.00 |
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Roger Loomis, Water Administrator - This is a grant from the Ohio EPA to finish up our inventory of our lead service lines. That's a big project we're still working on and this is a grant to hire additional people to go out to houses and determine what type of plumbing is in their house. This is just appropriating that money to hire them to finish this job for us.

Motion to send to full council by Mr. Barker, second by Mr. Houser

Mr. Houser - With that project have you had any difficulty getting access?

Mr. Loomis - A few people have refused us, it sounds kind of silly if you're going to get a free water line.

Motion passed 5-0

Mr. Marmie - One other thing to just kind of explain. There is going to be legislation introduced at Council as far as the negotiations and contract with the firefighters. That will not be discussed in committee, it will be invoked utilizing Rule 11 and presented straight to Council this evening. So just to let you know where that's at and why we're not discussing it here. It did not meet the time constraints to take any action, we will have to go into executive session, so therefore in order for all council members to be present and just do one executive session, we're going to do that at full council.

Meeting stands adjourned

Doug Marmie, Chair