

Finance Committee Minutes

Honorable Council
City of Newark, Ohio
February 7, 2023
5:45pm

The Finance Committee met in Council Chambers February 6, 2023 following Personnel Committee with these members in attendance:

Doug Marmie – Chair
Spencer Barker
Cheri Hottinger
Jonathan Lang
Michael Houser

We wish to report :

Mr. Marmie - The unappropriated balance of the General Fund is \$2,576,320 and the balance of the Budget Stabilization Fund is \$1,155,630.

- Resolution No. 23-13 Exp** APPROPRIATING MONIES FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION
Section 1. There is hereby an appropriation of the unappropriated balance of the 220 COVID 19-ARP Fund, in the amount of \$100,000.00 (Asset Mgt. Plan for LSL Loan - Lead Service Work)

220.103.5231	Professional Services	100,000.00
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Roger Loomis, Water Administrator - This is a request for funds from the ARP Fund for working on some plans for asset management. We're in the process of a lead service line project and there are funds available through the Ohio EPA, but in order to get those funds we have to have a formalized asset management plan. We have a plan, but it has to be formalized and so we are going after about \$24 million in grants this is up to about 70% grant funding, but to get that we have to have this formalized asset management plan complete.

Motion to send to full Council by Mr. Lang, second by Mr. Barker

Mr. Lang - This is for the Auditor, if we can get an update where we stand with this fund?

Ryan Bubb, Auditor - If you were to pass this it would be at \$650,007.25

Michael Houser - What does it involve to formalize the plan?

Mr. Loomis- Every piece of equipment has to have figured the probability of failure and the consequences of failure. Even though we have all of our assets listed in an asset management plan and we kind of know, this came out of the Ohio EPA.

Motion passed 5-0

Mr. Marnie - Can I interrupt you and let Mr. Saad do his next, he has another appointment he has to get to?

Mr. Loomis - Sure

Section 2. There is hereby an appropriation of the unappropriated balance of the 661 Sewer Dept. Fund, in the amount of \$500,000.00 (Loan reimbursements for payments made to contractor - Grant from OPWC)

661.712.5621	Reimbursements	500,000.00
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Mr. Loomis - When we did the Fourth Street Project we got a loan for that and we got some grant money for some of the fixtures and things like that from the Ohio Public Parks Commission. They approved that after we had approved our contract, so we already had money appropriated for that and so the loan has already been paid and what we need to do is reimburse those funds back then Ohio Water Authority will reduce our loan by that much and then they will send us back the \$500,000 as a grant. So we're kind of shuffling some money here, but it will reduce our loan amount. I did find out about 4:15 today that Ohio Public Works meets tomorrow and they may be able to send a check directly to Ohio Water Authority.

Motion to send to full council By Ms. Hottinger, second by Mr. Houser. Motion passed 5-0

Section 3. There is hereby an appropriation of the unappropriated balance of the 621 Water Dept. Fund, in the amount of \$200,000.00 (Asset Mgt. Plan for LSL loan)

621.706.5231	Professional Services	200,000.00
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Mr. Loomis - This is simply the same thing as the \$100,000, except this is coming out of our unappropriated balance.

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

Section 4. There is hereby an appropriation of the unappropriated balance of the 100 General Fund, in the amount of \$2513.00 (We rec'd \$2513 from MH & Recovery Board of Licking and Knox County, \$1500 to pay Ashley Weaver an adj. for her work on LIFT Drug Court recert. \$1013 on LIFT Court supplies)

100.116.5111	Salary/Wages	1500.00
100.116.5319	Misc. Supplies	1013.00

Kevin Saad, Adult Probation Director - This is money we received for FY 23 from the Mental Health and Recovery Board, we just want to appropriate the money now.

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

2. Resolution No. 23-14 APPROPRIATING MONIES FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

Section 1. There is hereby an appropriation of the unappropriated balance of the 623 Water Projects Fund, in the amount of \$3,250,000.00 (Grant Funds for East Side Transmission Line)

623.706.5521.603	Water Lines	3,250,000.00
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Mr. Loomis - This is money from the Ohio Builds Grant, we had this appropriated and the design work we got done last year, so we're re-appropriating that money for this project. This is appropriating the grant money we received from The Ohio Department of Development for water line on the east end of town.

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

Mr. Marmie - I have one other thing I wanted to mention because I was provided a request as the Finance Chair for an amount of \$3,120 by the Newark Homeless Outreach in order to support fentanyl overdose related deaths and also fentanyl strips. I will just say as the Finance Chair and also as the 6th Ward City Councilman, I will not be presenting any legislation to go forward with that, if anyone on the Council or anyone else wishes to, but in my position and my current beliefs I am not going to entertain that and bring that forward as a Finance Chair.

Mr. Lang - Could you circulate a copy of that?

Mr. Marmie - I will circulate a copy.

Meeting stands adjourned

Doug Marmie, Chair