

Finance Committee Minutes

Honorable Council
City of Newark, Ohio
April 4, 2023
5:45pm

The Finance Committee met in Council Chambers April 3, 2023 following Personnel Committee with these members in attendance:

Doug Marmie – Chair
Spencer Barker
Beth Bline for Cheri Hottinger
Jeff Rath for Jonathan Lang
Michael Houser

We wish to report :

Mr. Marmie - First item, the unappropriated balance of the General Fund is \$2,421,986 and the cash balance of the Budget Stabilization Fund is \$1,311,930

- Resolution No. 23-33** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NEWARK TO APPLY FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT FROM THE STATE OF OHIO 2023 NATUREWORKS GRANT.
Barbara Gilkes - This grant is going to be directed for Hollander Pool, we're looking to receive funding to replace two shade structures, one in the baby pool area and the other in the eating area.
Motion to forward to full council by Mr. Barker, second by Mr. Houser, motion passed 5-0
- Resolution No. 23-34** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NEWARK TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023, COPS HIRING PROGRAM.
Barbara Gilkes - The Division of Police want to apply for 5 officers. The grant operates on a reimbursement basis at 75% Federal pickup and 25% local. The maximum per officer is \$125,000 so any costs over that the City would incur.
Mr. Houser - Is there some kind of tenure they have to have to qualify for a grant, like a certain amount of time.
Ms. Gilkes - It's not the officer. The City has to make a commitment that they will keep a certain level of officers, but the individual, no.
Ms. Bline - What's the dollar amount that the City is responsible for after the grant?
Ms. Gilkes - Well, there's a 25% match, but any cost beyond that the City will be responsible for because when you're looking to hire someone, you may have one officer entry level who has single health insurance, you may have another one who has family health insurance, so it's capped as I said, at \$125,000, it's still a great buy in, it's a highly competitive grant and it would be worthwhile for the City to pursue it.
Motion to forward to full Council by Mr. Barker, second by Ms. Bline
Mr. Marmie - I'll just indicate that this is a great program, even though we have to put in some match and may have to put in additional funds, it just relieves our General Fund for a period of time in order

to do other things for our safety forces, so this is a great thing, if we get accepted, it is very competitive, I appreciate you doing it.

Motion passed 5-0

3. Resolution No. 23-39 Exp APPROPRIATING MONIES FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

Section 1. There is hereby an appropriation of the unappropriated balance of the 100 General Fund, in the amount of \$8,086.55 (Additional money needed for retrospective rating program)

100.157.5127	Workers Comp	8,086.55
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Ryan Bubb, City Auditor - AS you're well aware when we submit a budget to you at the end of the calendar year for the following year we have to guesstimate for workers comp., when we get the bill, which was on March 23rd, it was this amount short, so we're asking that you fund this so we are in compliance with Workers Comp.

Motion to forward to Full Council by Mr. Barker, second by Mr. Houser, Motion passed 5-0

Section 2. There is hereby a disappropriation of the appropriated balance of the 231 Probation Grant Fund, in the amount of \$53,031.00 (Overage in Accounts)

231.236.5118	JRIG Overtime	13,600.00
231.236.5123	JRIG Waived insurance	2,625.00
231.236.5111	JRIG Salary	36,806.00

Vanessa Stalnaker - We are wanting to move some grant money around to purchase some additional SCRAM alcohol units and GPS Units.

Motion to forward to full Council by Mr. Barker, Second by Mr. Rath. Motion passed 5-0

Section 3. There is hereby an appropriation of the unappropriated balance of the 100 General Fund and the 231 Probation Grant Fund, in the amount of \$53,151.00 (Purchase of additional SCRAM GPS Units and Restitution payment for damaged/destroyed SCRAM Unit funds to purchase new equipment)

231.236.5312	JRIG Law Enforcement Supplies	53,031.00
100.116.5312	Law Enforcement Supplies	120.00

Motion to forward to full Council by Mr. Barker, Second by Mr. Rath, Motion passed 5-0

Section 4. There is hereby an appropriation of the unappropriated balance of the 661 Sewer Fund and the 669 Storm Water Utility Fund, in the amount of \$248,000.00 (Sanitary and Stormwater Lift Stations telemetry system upgrades)

661.715.5533	Machinery and Equipment	200,000.00
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669.169.5533	Machinery and Equipment	48,000.00
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Roger Loomis, Water Administrator - There are two funds, this is funding for our distribution pump stations. We're redoing the water station and discovered we have some issues. We kind of piece milled it out and this is trying to get everything on the same system so it works a little bit better. Which pumps are running which pumps are not running and where the power's at and all of that kind of stuff. Unfortunately trees have grown over the years and our radio system is not working as well as it used to, so this is a little bit higher powered system with a cellular backup that we don't have to worry about large trees getting in the way. This is just the wastewater and storm water portion.

Motion to forward to full Council by Mr. Barker, Second by Ms. Bline

Mr. Barker - Just a comment, I'm glad to see that at the Finance Committee meeting, the largest appropriation is from you Roger, on your last committee meeting. Thank you for all of your work, we really appreciate it.

Motion passed 5-0

4. **Resolution No. 23-42** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY FOR THE CITY OF NEWARK, OHIO, TO REDUCE THE LIEN PREVIOUSLY PLACED AGAINST THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT AND KNOWN AS 11 MORRIS STREET, NEWARK, OHIO

Tim Hickman, Safety Director - As is stated in the Ordinance this is truly some extraordinary circumstances in regards to this property. In my 4 years that I've been affiliated with Property maintenance I don't ever remember bringing this sort of legislation forward. The reason we're bringing it forward to you is because the lien was created as an act of Council, so in order to amend, we need an act of Council to do that. A couple points I'd like to bring up is that this is a reduction and not an elimination of the lien, there is no cost to the City and no refund to the City, so we're not refunding, we're just asking for a reduction on this. Joe Paul is here tonight if you would like for him to answer any questions on this.

Motion to forward to full Council by Mr. Barker, Second by Mr. Houser, Motion passed 5-0

5. Meeting stands adjourned

Doug Marmie, Chair