

Finance Committee Minutes

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

The Finance Committee met in Council Chambers December 4, 2023 with these members in attendance:

- Doug Marmie – Chair
- Spencer Barker
- Bradley Chute
- Jonathan Lang
- Michael Houser

We wish to report :

Mr. Marmie - The unappropriated balance of the General Fund is \$376,139.00 and the balance of the Budget Stabilization Fund is \$1,468,730.00

1. **Resolution No. 23-98** APPROPRIATING MONIES FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

Section 1. There is hereby an appropriation of the unappropriated balance of the General Fund, in the amount of \$15,000.00 (Interpreter Services for court remaining of 2023)

100.112.5238	Services General	15,000.00
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Judge Stansbury - The request is to help pay the cost of interpreters, I was here with Director Saad here a few weeks ago, they ran into the same problem. We’ve addressed it through next year’s budget, but unfortunately this year we are still coming up a little bit short, in fact my court administrator told me that if we have paid every outstanding bill for interpreters that we have currently, we’d be about \$600 in the red. So, we believe that \$15,000 will get us through the rest of this year and then we’ve budgeted appropriately for next year.

Motion to send to full Council by Mr. Lang, second by Mr. Houser, Motion passed 5-0

Section 2. There is hereby an appropriation of the unappropriated balance of the JEDZ1 Fund, in the amount of \$210,000 (Disbursements for 3rd Qtr 2023 - Collected more than certified)

929.132.5289	Inter/Intra Gov’t Billings	210,000.00
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Mayor Hall - This is for JEDZ1, obviously that effect the General Fund, it's all self-contained, but it has over collected this year, so we need to appropriate some more dollars and Jackie came up with this dollar amount.

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

2. **Resolution No. 23-99** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NEWARK TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT APPLICATIONS TO THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT FOR THE BRIGHTENING OHIO COMMUNITIES (BOC) GRANT PROGRAM.

Barbara Gilkes - The City would like to apply for this program to create the lighting for the City Parks.

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

Mr. Houser - Will that be LED lighting?

Ms. Gilkes - That's one of the options.

Mr. Marmie - I didn't see any kind of a match.

Ms. Gilkes - It's not required.

Steven Smith, 237 Violet Ct. - Just wondering if there are provisions for light pollution (inaudible).

Ms. Gilkes - I didn't see anything in the application that addressed that. I think the focus of the grant is energy efficiency and before a grant can be implemented energy audits need to be performed, so that's where the ideas are going to come from.

Motion passed 5-0

3. **Resolution No. 23-100** APPROPRIATING MONIES FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

Section 1. There is hereby an appropriation of the unappropriated balance of the General Fund, in the amount of \$6,500.00 (Rec'd as grant from Energy Coop for purchase of drone equipment, needs appropriated to complete intended purchase)

100.203.5312	Law Enforcement Supplies	6,500.00
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Tim Hickman, Safety Director - Thanks to Councilman Barker and the generosity of the Energy Coop, the police division received a grant for the purchase of drones, so we'd like to get this money appropriated accordingly so we can make that purchase.

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

Mr. Barker - Mr. Chair, I apologize I forgot this was on here I will need to abstain.

Motion passed 4-0 with 1 abstention

Meeting stands adjourned

Doug Marmie, Chair