

## Finance Committee Minutes

Honorable Council  
City of Newark, Ohio  
January 17, 2024  
5:45pm

The Finance Committee met in Council Chambers January 16, 2024 with these members in attendance:

Doug Marmie – Chair  
Jonathan Lang - Vice Chair  
Bradley Chute  
Bill Cost Jr.  
Michael Houser

### **We wish to report :**

**Mr. Marmie** - The unappropriated balance of the General Fund is \$786,254.00 and the balance of the ,Budget Stabilization Fund is \$1,554,718.00

- 1. Resolution No. 24-01** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NEWARK TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT APPLICATIONS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023 FIRE ACT GRANT PROGRAMS, IN SUPPORT OF TRAINING PROGRAMS, EQUIPMENT PURCHASES, FUNDING FOR PERSONNEL, FIRE PREVENTION, AND FIRE SAFETY PROGRAMS THROUGHOUT THE CITY.  
**Barbara Gilkes** - The resolution would require a 10% match for the first grant.  
**Motion to send to full Council by Mr. Lang, Second by Mr. Houser, Motion passed 5-0**
- 2. Resolution No. 24-02** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NEWARK TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY FOR AN AWARD OF FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 FUNDING UNDER THE OHIO EMS TRAINING AND EQUIPMENT GRANT PROGRAM.  
**Barbara Gilkes** - This grant provides EMS supplies and/or training materials for the Division of Fire.  
**Motion to send to full Council by Mr. Lang, Second by Mr. Houser, Motion passed 5-0**
- 3. Resolution No. 24-03** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NEWARK TO APPLY FOR FUNDING FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE UNDER THE BULLETPROOF VEST PARTNERSHIP GRANT PROGRAM.  
**Barbara Gilkes** - The bulletproof vest program requires a payment up front of 100% and the City is able to get 50% back through the program, as you all know we won the Cox

award so (inaudible) this grant will help with those costs.

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

**4. Resolution No. 24-04 Exp APPROPRIATING MONIES FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION**

Section 1. There is hereby a disappropriation of the appropriated balance of the 100 General Fund, in the amount of \$16,482.00 (Oversight in budgeting)

100.116.5111	Salaries/Wages	16,000.00
100.116.5127	Workers Comp	250.00
100.116.5126	Medicare	232.00

**Kevin Saad, Director of Adult probation** - From what I understand there was a budget oversight, these expenses were not supposed to be General Fund expenses, so that's why we want this disappropriated.

**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 231 Adult Probation Fund, in the amount of \$16,482.00 (oversight in budgeting)

231.113.5111	Salaries/Wages	16,000.00
231.113.5127	Workers Comp	250.00
231.113.5126	Medicare	232.00

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

**5. Resolution No. 24-05 APPROPRIATING MONIES FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION**

Section 1. There is hereby a disappropriation of the appropriated balance of the 100 General Fund, in the amount of \$30,000.00 (From Cemetery & Parks)

100.432.5230	Temp Services	30,000.00
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**David Rhodes, Service Director** - This would come from the Parks Temporary Services account and we're moving it to Property Maintenance. The reason for the move is for the past 4-5 years the Parks Department has been moving homeless camps. We've had a concern raised by the union about the union employees safety, so we've decided to go with an outside service to clean up homeless camps and that will be organized through Joe Paul in Property Maintenance. We're just transferring funds from Parks to Property Maintenance.

**Motion to send to full Council by Mr. Lang, Second by Mr. Houser**

**Mr. Lang** - Do we have an outside firm identified yet?

**Director Rhodes** - We do and they are ready to begin that service.

**Mr. Houser** - Is that going to be at 100%?

**Director Rhodes** - Yes, the Parks Department will still cut grass for Property Maintenance. The concern came about employees cleaning up homeless camps, whether they were properly trained and with Narcan and things of this nature, it's a reasonable concern.

**Rochelle Volen-Smith** - Was there open bidding on this?

**Director Rhodes** - No, it should come in under the \$30,000 that we are allowed to spend and to find a group to want to do this is a little bit different.

**Rochelle Volen-Smith** - I wonder whether that information was public.

**Mr. Marmie** - Here's the thing, if it's under a threshold then it does not have to go under competitive bidding, therefore the City can just hire those services. If it goes above that threshold then they would have to come, in order to waive that, it would have to be authorized by Council in order to waive that, so they are under strict guidelines that they cannot do it if it falls over the threshold.

**Mr. Lang** - Director Rhodes, are you prepared to name that firm on the record so we could have that for the public.

**Director Rhodes** - No, you can call Mr. Paul and get that from him.

**Motion passed 5-0**

Section 2. There is hereby an appropriation of the unappropriated balance of the 100 General Fund, in the amount of \$30,000.00 (For Property Maintenance)

100.127.5238	Services General	30,000.00
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**Motion to send to full Council by Mr. Lang, Second by Mr. Houser, Motion passed 5-0**

- 6. **Resolution No. 24-06** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NEWARK TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT APPLICATIONS TO THE OHIO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA) FOR THE H2 OHIO RIVERS INITIATIVE CHLORIDE REDUCTION GRANT. PROGRAM.

**Barbara Gilkes** - This is a new grant that (inaudible) I am waiting to hear back from him, what he'd like to do. We have met and he's looking to partner with the County on an idea. We can apply up to \$75,000 for likely will be equipment you can use to modify storage facilities to help reduce runoff according to them.

**Motion to send to full Council by Mr. Houser, Second by Mr. Lang**

**Rochelle Volen-Smith** - I was wondering if there was going to be a change in the nutrients in terms of (inaudible) I know a number of years ago (inaudible) without disclosing what the chemicals were and I hope our City is not considering anything like that.

**Barbara Gilkes** - The grant doesn't address that. (inaudible)

**Motion passed 5-0**

Meeting stands adjourned

Doug Marmie, Chair