

Service Committee Minutes

Honorable Council
City of Newark, Ohio
October 3, 2023

The Service Committee met in Council Chambers on October 2, 2023, following the Finance Committee with these members in attendance:

Jeff Rath - Chair
Doug Marmie sitting in for Dustin Neely – Vice Chair
Spencer Barker
Beth Bline
Bradley Chute

We wish to report:

1. Update from Director Rhodes on Tower owned by the City on Horns Hill

David Rhodes, City Service Director - Up on Horns Hill somewhere round 1960ish I've been told this tower was built. Somewhere in the early 2000's I've been told that the City took ownership of this tower. It's an older tower, it's held up by guide wires, earlier this year we had a tree fall on one of the guide wires, it could've taken the tower down, it didn't, worked with a tree company, we got the guide wire released. As we move forward to enter into a lease agreement with the Christian Media Group, one of the things I negotiated was a full scope review of the tower, this is what you have in front of you, it's the report they gave to me. Since the report came in we have set up a group that are beginning conversations on the tower. The group would include the school system, Shawn Grady, the Sherriff's Department, people that are using the tower and we want to kind of analyze and take a look at what the future of this particular tower is, whether repairs are made or whether the tower is taken don and we have some type of other tower put up. We're also including Marks radio people, we have a lot of Ham operators that like the tower for backup communications, so they are included in the discussion as well as the City. Why I wanted to bring this to you tonight, it's a good report, if you get bored at night or have problems going to sleep at night, read it, there won't be a test on it, but I imagine in about 6 months or so I will be back in front of you saying what the results are of our meetings and what direction we would like to move forward.

Mr. Rath -Who contracted for the report?

Director Rhodes - The Christian Media Group contracted for and paid for the report. The only portion I paid for was to have extra copies printed for you guys and the Administration.

2. **Resolution No. 23-88** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO PARTICIPATE WITH A DEVELOPER IN THE COST FOR CONSTRUCTION OF OFFSITE DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS WHICH WILL PROVIDE BENEFIT TO AREAS BEYOND THE DEVELOPER'S NEED.

Brian Morehead, City Engineer - There is a development at the end of Laverne Road, which is known as Laverne Apartments. The area previously had several long standing drainage issues, it's been going on about 30 years. I can remember going out there about 30 years ago looking for a solution. So, the proposed development would help solve some of those issues, but we would like to participate with some off-site repairs as well, which would be some drainage ditch and storm sewer work and we think we can help adjacent neighbors that are off-site of that development in that regard. So, we met with them, they are open to an easement for these improvements and we would use our storm water funds to help solve this problem down there. We ask for your support in passing this on to Council.

Motion to send to full Council by Mr. Barker, second by Ms. Bline

Mr. Marmie - So, the developer is going to contribute to this as well, a portion?

Mr. Morehead - Exactly, so the contractor that is doing the development work would do the actual work for us, we would pay our share to the developer and the easement will be in the name of the City so we can maintain the portion we're paying for on the adjacent property owners property. Much of the development down there that exists before this new project does not have easements on it. Basically the water is running down Laverne Road and there are two other apartment complexes there that dump onto a private property owners property and it has been a long standing problem. The pipe is basically aimed at the back of their house and back in the day the City didn't require easements and didn't look at the effects that some of the development would have. So, we'd like to try to fix those and the fact that Stone Works is developing these apartments gives us the opportunity to do that.

Mr. Marmie - So, does that exempt us from competitive bidding since they're doing the work?

Mr. Morehead - I guess it would. They are doing the work, we're going to pay for our portion of the work, which we estimate at somewhere under \$50,000, so we would not be bidding our part of the work out.

Mr. Rath - If you were to bid that out where do you think it would come in?

Mr. Morehead - We looked at the estimates to make sure they were reasonable and we think they are so, we think it would come in probably at that or a bit higher because prevailing wage would be involved. Probably close to that amount.

Mr. Barker - So, just to confirm, our share is about \$50,000?

Mr. Morehead - That's what we think at this point.

Motion passed 5-0

3. **Resolution No. 23-89** - Resurfacing with related work along SR 13 in Licking County. Scope of work to include preventative maintenance work on bridges within the resurfacing project limits. Scope of work within city will include resurfacing and replacement of curb ramps as needed.

Mr. Morehead - This is one of the standard pieces of legislation that comes to us from ODOT, they're in the beginning stages of developing this project. Basically, it's a resurfacing project on SR 13 from just about Riverview Drive, north to the Knox County line. So, the southern portion is in the City of Newark and they are asking for our cooperation. We will have a 20% share of the resurfacing costs and any other items we ask for that are outside the normal scope of the

project will be at our 100% cost, but I don't anticipate very many items like that, it's basically just a resurfacing project.

Mr. Rath - So, this is going to include portions within the City limits?

Mr. Morehead - Yes, like I said, from Riverside Drive which is about where the driveway is at Kohls off of Mt. Vernon Road, north all the way up to the corporate limit, though up to the Knox County line, but, Newark corp. limit is up near Dry creek Road.

Mr. Rath - Is there sidewalk within that area?

Mr. Morehead - There are no sidewalks in that area.

Motion to send to full Council by Mr. Barker, second by Ms. Bline

Mr. Barker - Brian, it's got the emergency clause on it, though it's not required on this. Is there a timeline associated with this project?

Mr. Morehead - There is no need for the emergency clause to be voted on this, it's in the body in section 7, it says if required, it is not required for this project.

Motion passed 5-0

Meeting stands adjourned

Jeff Rath -Chair