

Finance Committee Minutes

Honorable Council
City of Newark, Ohio
July 6, 2020

The Finance Committee met via Zoom streaming live on YouTube on Monday, July 6, 2020 with these members in attendance:

Doug Marmie - Chair
Jeremy Blake – Vice-Chair
Ryan Bubb
Jeff Harris
Jonathan Lang

We Wish to Report:

Consider **Resolution No. 20-43 Expedite** A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING MONIES FOR CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

Section 1. There is hereby an appropriation of the unappropriated balance of the 297 Fire Safer Grant Fund, in the amount of \$15,382.55 (\$13,382.55 – Holiday bank Fire; \$2,000.00 Quartermaster)

Account	Description	Amount
297.398.5117	Holiday Bank Fire	13,382.55
297.398.5238999	Quartermaster	2,000.00

Director Baum – I am submitting this for Barb Gilkes but this is a supplement to both of these accounts for the Safer Firefighters

Motion to send to full council by Mr. Bubb, second by Mr. Lang

Motion passed 5-0

Section 2. There is hereby an appropriation of the unappropriated balance of the 100 General Fund, in the amount of \$12,000 (\$12,000-to pay EMS credit card invoices, Misc Fees)

Account	Description	Amount
100.115.5297	EMS Credit Invoices	12,000.00

Director Baum – This is a supplement to our credit card processing account, we’ve had overwhelming success in obtaining payments through credit cards. We are a victim of our own success in this instance. We need more money placed into this account.

Mr. Marmie – Apparently Director Baum was cut off.

Director Rhodes – I will jump in on this. We’ve had good success with the credit cards and in the budget this year we didn’t ask for enough dollars to cover the fees associated with the credit cards. We just need more funds put into that account so we can cover the fees associated with the credit cards.

Mr. Marmie – I do have a couple questions. I asked that we know what we’re going to do in order to pay for these things because this is an additional expense. It doesn’t appear that we’re getting more payments it

seems that people are just now aware of the credit cards, so we're paying high fees in order for folks to use credit cards, but it's going to reduce the amount of EMS dollars that we get. Also with this, we're taking this out of the unappropriated balance, so, we're going to have to budget for this out of the EMS in the future and that's going to reduce the amount that we get in so, what are we going to do about it.

Director Rhodes – You're right about that and one of the things that we're going to check on, if you look at the county, if you go online and pay your property taxes with a credit card, they charge a fee to do that. That's one of the things we're going to look at to see if we can charge a fee like that for people who want to use the credit card. That way it's not an impact to the general fund

Mr. Marmie – Right. And if we're going to offer credit card services we need a way to pay for it without it coming from tax payer dollars. Just knowing how to send that to the community in a more positive manner is to say that they get a discount if they don't use a credit card. In other words, you include the cost of the credit card in all other charges, but then give a discount if a credit card is not used.

Mr. Lang – I think you have to do that for credit card agreements. You can't charge a fee for the credit card you just have to give a discount if a credit card is not used.

Director Rhodes – We haven't traveled down this road yet, it's a road we're discussing.

Mr. Marmie – I'm not going to support this on full council, because I asked Director Baum to make sure to have something ready so that we know.

Director Rhodes – He may have had something ready, but him getting cut off was something that was unexpected. I'm just trying to answer a few questions that I'm aware of.

Mr. Marmie – Okay, I'll support moving this forward to full council, but we should probably have a game plan moving forward, because this is just a portion of the year and we don't know how much this is going to skyrocket. Especially because folks like to use their credit cards to get points.

Motion to send to full council by Mr. Bubb, second by Mr. Lang

Motion passed 5-0

Section 3. There is hereby an appropriation of the unappropriated balance of the 100 General Fund, in the amount of \$93,667.00 (\$93,667.00 – City match for Safer Grant)

Account	Description	Amount
100.111.5901297	City Match Safer Grant	93,667.00

Director Baum – This is the city match for the Safer Grant for new firefighters.

Motion to send to full council by Mr. Lang, second by Mr. Bubb

Motion passed 5-0

Section 4. There is hereby an appropriation of the unappropriated balance of the 153 Comp Abs Fund, in the amount of \$24,000.00 (Payout for retiring firefighter James Webster)(\$17,500-Sick,\$5,500-Vacation,\$1,000-Comp)

Account	Description	Amount
153.205.5143	Termination Sick	17,500.00
153.205.5144	Termination Vacation	5,500.00
153.205.5145	Termination Comp	1,000.00

Director Baum – This is a payout for firefighter Thaddeus Webster, he has retired in good standing and this is his payout.

Motion to send to full council by Mr. Bubb, second by Mr. Lang

Motion passed 5-0

Section 5. . There is hereby an appropriation of the unappropriated balance of the 153 Comp Abs Fund, in the amount of \$8,500.00 (Payout for retiring officer Earl Roe)(\$4,500-Sick,\$3,000-Vacation,\$1,000-Comp)

Account	Description	Amount
153.202.5143	Termination Sick	17,500.00
153.202.5144	Termination Vacation	5,500.00
153.202.5145	Termination Comp	1,000.00

Director Baum – This is a payout for retiring police officer Earl Roe, disregard the graph numbers, they are duplicated from the previous section. It's \$8,500.

Mr.Marmie – Can you clarify that? The total is \$8,500 correct?

Director Baum – Correct. The amounts are \$4,500 – Sick, \$3,000 Vacation and \$1,000 Comp, but the graph below is duplicated from the previous section.

Mr. Lang – Do we need to make a motion to amend?

Mr.Marmie – It's correct in the formula it's just a typo in the graph, so we'll just have Janine fix it.

Motion by Mr. Bubb to send to full council, second by Mr. Bubb

Motion passed 5-0

Section 6. There is hereby an appropriation of the unappropriated balance of the 153 Comp Abs Fund, in the amount of \$16,100.00 (Payout for Cheri Caudell)(\$4,500-Sick,\$11,500-Vacation,\$100-Comp)

Account	Description	Amount
153.203.5143	Termination Sick	4,500.00
153.203.5144	Termination Vacation	11,500.00
153.203.5145	Termination Comp	100.00

Director Baum – This is a payout for retiring detective secretary, Cheri Caudell.

Motion to send to full council by Mr. Bubb, second by Mr. Harris

Motion passed 5-0

Section 7. There is hereby an appropriation of the unappropriated balance of the 929 Inter Intra Government Fund, in the amount of \$165,842.22

Account	Description	Amount
929.132.5289	JEDZ 1, 2 nd qtr 2020 Distribution	165,842.22

Mayor Hall – This is our 2nd quarter distribution for the JEDZ, it gets distributed to about six different entities and that is to cover those costs from the JEDZ 1 where Pro Logis is located.

Motion to send to full council by Mr. Bubb, second by Mr. Lang

Motion passed 5-0

Consider **Ordinance No. 20-22** TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF \$965,000 OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING A PORTION OF THE CITY'S COST, AND A PORTION OF THE PROPERTY OWNER'S COST IN ANTICIPATION OF THE LEVY AND COLLECTION OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS FOR HORNS HILL ROAD SANITARY SEWER PROJECT IMPROVEMENTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

City Auditor, Steve Johnson – This particular note is coming due in September and the assessments have not been collected yet, so the note needs to be renewed for another 90 days.

Mr. Bubb – I will abstain from this.

Mr. Marmie – So, we're just pushing this out 90 days? Isn't the assessment actually done on their property taxes, or do we do that somehow?

Mr. Johnson – There's a period for direct collection, where you pay without being assessed. That can be done at any time and that's what's not complete yet. So, once we know what we've already collected we will have a balance and as payments are made through assessments on the property tax they will be put into a fund to retire this.

Motion to send to full council by Mr. Lang, second by Mr. Harris

Motion passed 4-0 with Mr. Bubb abstaining

Doug Marmie, Chair