

Capital Improvements Minutes

Honorable Council
City of Newark, Ohio
April 11, 2017

The Capital Improvement Committee met in Council Chambers on Monday, April 11, 2017 following the Service Committee with these members present:

Dee Hall, Vice Chair
Jeremy Blake for Curtis Johnson
Jeff Rath
Ryan Bubbs for Mark Fraizer
Mike Mangus

We wish to Report:

1. **Resolution No. 17-25** authorizing and directing the Director of Public Service for the City of Newark, Ohio, to enter into a purchase agreement with Park National Bank for the lease-purchase of four (4) cruisers for the Division of Police was considered.

Director Rhodes- we are proposing financing for four cruisers, the cost for these cruisers are \$45,000.00 each. We are going to get on a rotation so that we are doing this every 16-18 months. Our cruisers are not in great shape, we should have been replacing them in a quicker manner but it has taken a little bit of time to get to this point because we have had to wait for some other debt in capital improvements to get paid off. The administration feels comfortable with this; we will see what the budget looks like next year and maybe I'll be back.

Ms. Hall- the four that you are talking about are ones that are in deep trouble and there are others that are newer?

Director Rhodes- I wouldn't use the word deep trouble I would use the word old. You have to understand when an officer gets in a cruiser that is his office and sometimes he is asked to go from 0 to 100 mph in a minute. When these cruisers get old they get dangerous and our officers deserve better. It has taken a little bit of time because when we came into office the capital improvement budget was filled with leases. We put them on a spreadsheet and watched them get paid off one by one now we are in a position we feel we can finance four cruisers.

Motion by Mr. Rath to send to full Council, second by Mr. Bubbs
Motion passed by a vote of 5-0.

Dee Hall, Vice Chair

