

Service Committee Minutes

Honorable Council
City of Newark, Ohio
January 30, 2018

The Service Committee met in Council Chambers on Monday January 29, 2018 following the Safety Committee with these members in attendance:

Jeff Rath, Chair
Bill Cost Jr
Jonathan Lang
Jeremy Blake
Ryan Bubb

We wish to report:

1. **Resolution No. 18-08** authorizing participation and ratifying prior participation of the City of Newark, Licking County, Ohio, with the Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers, for the Newark, Ohio - Section 14 Feasibility Study, and authorizing the Director of Public Service of the City of Newark, and other appropriate City Officials, to act for and on behalf of the City of Newark, in executing, accepting or otherwise approving all documents, agreements, instruments, or other necessary papers required by the Department of the Army to implement said participation in the Newark, Ohio - Section 14 Feasibility Study was considered.

Roger Loomis- this is a project that we have been working on in cooperation with ODOT and the Army Corp of Engineers to redo a low head dam that is on Raccoon Creek. Basically almost at the exit to Country Club Drive that portion of Raccoon Creek was channelized when Route 16 was installed and that is part of our flood control project which is why the Army Corp of Engineers is involved. They as part of this Section 14 study will do the design work on this up to \$100,000.00 and we had an original agreement to do that because it was no cost to us but we have gone over the \$100,000.00 so now we have to have an agreement that says we are going to be willing to pay the money above and beyond that. They are estimating that to be \$120,000.00 so an extra \$20,000.00 that will be split between us and ODOT. That money would come out of storm water money. This is signing agreements then we will come back and appropriate money.

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

Motion passed by a vote of 5-0.

2. **Resolution No. 18-09** 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 six (6) cruisers for the Division of Police was considered.

Director Rhodes- after Director Baum and I reviewed the status of our Police vehicles even though we brought four in last year it was determined that we should bring 6 in this year. We are putting them on a four year lease purchase and at the end of the term those vehicles will be ours. The first four we did in a three year term so we will be back at the end of next year to get a few more vehicles in.

Motion by Mr. Bubb to send to full Council, second by Mr. Cost

Mr. Fraizer- are we planning to decommission vehicles as these come in?

Director Rhodes- we do and we use the parts where we can then they go to the city auction.

President Ellington- I know it has been part of your plan to continue to figure out how we are going to rotate these vehicles on a yearly basis so we can have some kind of a 5 or 10 year plan, how are we doing on that?

Director Rhodes- this is the second step in that plan. This will give us 10 vehicles that are in darn good shape. The way that we view this is that these are the officer's office and they need to be in good condition. They have to have the ability to speed up and stop very quickly and they have to be able to haul people correctly. Our police vehicles weren't really in any kind of cycle.

Mr. Rath- I am recalling a previous conversation from a previous Police Chief do you know what make and model we are purchasing? They are SUV's

Director Rhodes- we are buying the same ones we have bought prior. They are SUV's not the Taurus's we used to buy. It is easy for people to get in and out of and they are better for the officers.

Mr. Marmie- what is our fleet need and what is the estimated lifespan of these new SUV's compared to the other vehicles?

Director Rhodes- a lot of the vehicles that we have here are vehicles that have been kept around to use for parts in the future. We will be analyzing to get a firm number. I don't know if that number is going to be 16 or 17 those are things we are still drilling down on.

Mr. Rath- if I remember correctly the reason we were switching the type of vehicles is because the Crown Victorians were no longer being made.

Director Baum- confirmed that is correct. There is a minor increase in price for the extra room over the Sedans. The lifespan now not counting a vehicle getting into an accident you should be able to get at least 6 years out of a car. They are driven probably 16 hours a day they really try not to drive them 24. Most departments are going to the SUV's simply because there is a lot more room. We also think that it will allow officers to get out of the vehicle more quickly because you really sit up into it inside down in the side of it.

Mr. Rath- we were talking about more room are we carrying more gear than we were 10 years ago?

Director Baum- always, Police and Fire.

Mr. Fraizer- asked about the demand on unmarked vehicles.

Director Rhodes- there is a demand on all of our vehicles but we are focusing on the patrol cars. We struggled to get these cars into a rotation. I have shared the spreadsheet for capital improvements with Doug many times and what we have had to pay off in order to get ourselves in a position to put these vehicles in a rotation.

Motion passed by a vote of 5-0.

3. **Resolution No. 18-11** authorizing and directing the Director of Public Service to advertise for bids and enter into contracts, subject to the appropriation of funds, for various construction projects was considered.

Brian Morehead- I sent you the list of projects and the first one is at Cedar Hill Cemetery, it is to do roadway repairs and resurfacing. Item B is the 2018 street maintenance project that will be our annual resurfacing project. Item C is Isabelle Road rehabilitation project. We have some leftover 2017 state capital improvement grant funds that we intend on putting towards that project. Item D is our 2018 collector street resurfacing. That has 2018 state capital improvement funds to it. Item E is 2018 concrete maintenance it is still undetermined whether that project is going to move forward or not. Item F is a siphon cleaning project with the Waste Water Department.

Mr. Bubb- it is a good list, I grew up on Isabelle Road and it is a good idea to try to re-slope that it has been a challenge for years.

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

Mr. Blake- what streets are you targeting for this year?

Mr. Morehead- the list is already made out for item D it is up in my office and I can email that to you. The list for item B is not complete yet I still have to trim that down to fit within the budget. I would probably have that within the next month or so.

Mr. Blake- how do you go about determining what gets on your list?

Brian Morehead- the condition of the streets, streets that carry over that didn't get paved last year we take another look at those and then any new requests we have had come in. Usually we like to wait until the end of winter to see how things deteriorate.

Mr. Cost- I would agree that is an impressive list and I would like to commend you and Director Rhodes for the wall and fence at Cedar Hill Cemetery. It is a huge improvement.

Brian Morehead- thanks I think that it will help with their maintenance.

Mr. Fraizer- when it comes to item E is there specific areas that are targeted?

Brian Morehead- it goes along with item B more or less so basically the streets we pave that have curb ramps or have sidewalks with inadequate curb ramps that is the ones we target.

Motion passed by a vote of 5-0.

Jeff Rath, Chair