

## Finance Committee Minutes

Honorable Council  
City of Newark, Ohio  
April 4, 2022  
5:45pm

The Finance Committee met in Council Chambers April 4, 2022 with these members in attendance:

Doug Marmie – Chair  
Spencer Barker  
Cheri Hottinger  
Mark Labutis sitting in for Jonathan Lang  
Michael Houser

### We wish to report :

**Mr. Marmie** – First thing, the unappropriated balance of the General Fund stands at \$485,744.00, the Budget Stabilization stands at \$1,114,703.00

1. **Resolution No. 22-30** A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING MONIES FOR THE EXPENSES OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

Section 1. There is hereby an appropriation of the unappropriated balance of the 669 Storm Water Utility Fund, in the amount of \$275,000.00 ( Repayment for Operating Account from Emergency Repairs)

|              |             |            |
|--------------|-------------|------------|
| 669.169.5527 | Storm lines | 275,000.00 |
|--------------|-------------|------------|

**Roger Loomis, Water Administrator** – We have a line item in our storm water budget that we use for what we call our small projects budget. We've used a considerable amount of that money this year on two emergency projects. One on Riley Street and one at 5<sup>th</sup> and Main and the third project is repair of a dam on Raccoon Creek that we needed some extra funding for, for Army Corps of Engineers. So to get those projects underway because they were emergencies, we took money out of the small projects fund and this is just reimbursing that fund ,we like to have 3 months of operating funds in there and we have about 4 months so, we have enough money in there to do this, so that's what we are requesting.

**Motion to send to full council by Mr. Barker, second by Ms. Hottinger, motion passed 5-0**

2. **Resolution No. 22-31** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO NEGOTIATE AND ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITHOUT COMPETITIVE BIDDING FOR THE PURCHASE OF BODY-WORN CAMERAS WITHIN THE DIVISION OF POLICE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

**Tim Hickman, Safety Director** – What we are presenting tonight for your consideration, is Legislation to waive competitive bidding for the purchase of body worn cameras. In order to implement this program correctly, it's vitally important that the body worn camera interface with video system that we currently have. The police department has done a lot of research into this and have come to the conclusion that there's only one manufacturer that meets that necessary

requirement. Chief McKee is here tonight and can speak to the technicalities of how everything operates, so we are available to answer any questions that anyone may have.

**Motion to send to full council by Mr. Barker, second by Mr. Labutis**

**Mr. Marmie** – When the Director brought this to my attention, I did speak to a couple of folks, including the Sherrifs Department that has it and it is very important that it all syncs up. It's almost like a router, a router works better with certain equipment. We don't want to put something out to bid that we do in fact have to go with one manufacturer.

**Mr. Barker** – Once this money is appropriated and when an agreement is made, do we know a timeline of when this program will be active?

**Chief McKee** – Prior to this little setback here, we were still looking at June/July timeframe. We spoke with the manufacturer yesterday via message and got a reply this morning that we'll still be online in the July range. That's full implementation.

**Motion passed 5-0**

3. **Resolution No. 22-32** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF NEWARK TO FILE AN APPLICATION AND TO PARTICIPATE IN THE STATE OF OHIO BROWNFIELD REMEDIATION PROGRAM FUND AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

**Mark Mauter, Director of Economic Development** – The Brownfield Remediation Program was created by the State of Ohio in their current budget to help clean up Brownfield sites across Ohio. We have a site located at 217 S. 21<sup>st</sup> Street, it's been in existence for quite a few years and we have been monitoring it along with the Ohio EPA for a number of years. We've really just been waiting for some funding to come along that would help us to make some progress on remediating the site so that it can be put back into productive use. This State Budget money is exactly what we've been waiting for. There is an emergency clause because the deadline for this is April 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Motion to send to full council by Mr. Barker, second by Mr. Houser**

**Mr. Houser** – Do you know the amount?

**Director Mauter** – I'm going to go for the maximum of \$300,000 in this round, which will allow me to do assessments and then I plan to follow up in round 3 and ask for additional funding to demolish the structures that are currently on site. The contamination is underground on the site below these buildings. This Brownfield grant allows us to combine demolition with underground cleanup. I don't have a final number for the underground cleanup, that's being put together for us by an Environmental Consultant in Columbus. You might know it as Hall and Associates and Jim Roberts, they were bought out by Hall and now it's called Verdantes. There is a gentleman that worked on the team at Hall about 10 or 12 years ago that worked on the plan and a proposal to do a cleanup . but we just didn't have enough money, quite honestly. We needed over \$1.5 million 10 years ago. We're not sure what it's going to be, but hope to know in the next couple weeks to put this on the application.

**Mr. Marmie** – Is there any kind of a match or anything that we have to make sure of.

**Director Mauter** – For this \$300,000, no, because it's coming out of the first million dollars. Each of the 88 counties in Ohio were given \$1 million to put towards this and get started. Then you can go up to \$10 million for each project after that. With that money there is a match. I'm confident we have it covered because there is a presentation that I'm going to make to Council at the next Council Meeting in two weeks on this very site where we engaged with the US EPA this past year and were very successful in getting a lot of above ground hazardous product removed at no cost to the city. That will be in the presentation and it's got over \$700,000 cost for the EPA that's applicable to the match. So, we can go to a pretty high dollar figure using that match.

**Motion passed 5-0**

**4. Resolution No. 22-33 Exp** A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING MONIES FOR THE EXPENSES OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

Section 1. There is hereby an appropriation of the unappropriated balance of the 424 TIF Fund, in the amount of \$1,500.00 (Unexpected revenue from the East Main St TIF (Longaberger) 25% to be paid to Licking Valley Schools (doubled in case we receive the same amount for 2<sup>nd</sup> half of year))

|              |         |         |
|--------------|---------|---------|
| 424.922.5611 | Refunds | 1500.00 |
|--------------|---------|---------|

**Ryan Bubb, City Auditor** – We had some unexpected revenue arrive with the East Main Street TIF to be paid to Licking Valley Schools.

**Motion to send to full council by Mr. Barker, second by Mr. Labutis, motion passed 5-0**

Section 2. There is hereby an appropriation of the unappropriated balance of the 152 Budget Stabilization Fund, in the amount of \$270,000.00 (OPT)

|                 |     |            |
|-----------------|-----|------------|
| 152.100.5901100 | OPT | 270,000.00 |
|-----------------|-----|------------|

**David Rhodes, Service Director** – We are asking that this come out of the Budget Stabilization Fund, we're going to buy a house on the southwest corner of Granville Road and 21<sup>st</sup> Street. Last year we used some dollars and bought the ground behind that, so the City would own from Granville Road to the on-ramp there and we also own the other corner which is the southeast corner. It will give us the opportunity to do a project on that intersections and widen it a little bit.

**Motion to send to full council by Mr. Barker, second by Ms. Hottinger**

**Mr. Marmie** – I'm just going to comment that this is going to actually go to the OPT Fund and the next item will be an appropriation for the actual land purchase, so we have to do two of them for the same thing.

**Motion passed 5-0**

Section 3. There is hereby an appropriation of the unappropriated balance of the 100 General Fund, in the amount of \$270,000.00 (Land Purchase)

|              |               |            |
|--------------|---------------|------------|
| 100.121.5501 | Land Purchase | 270,000.00 |
|--------------|---------------|------------|

**Motion to send to full Council by Mr. Barker, second by Ms. Hottinger, motion passed 5-0**

**Mr. Marmie** – I have one other thing that I want to bring up in case anyone has any questions or wants to dialogue about it. Resolution 22-12 was the resolution that we tabled indefinitely about the radon, we asked the director to get some additional quotes, we did and got one for less. Then I asked him to go back and ask if we could not even have the testing and just remediate and they said no we can't do that. You have to have the test. I am going to be bringing that back on the table so we can go forward with that. We were just trying to save a little bit of money, knowing that 98% of every structure in Licking County that gets tested, tests positive.

Finance Committee meeting stands adjourned

Doug Marmie, Chair