

## Finance Committee Minutes

Honorable Council  
City of Newark, Ohio  
February 18, 2025  
5:45pm

The Finance Committee met in Council Chambers February 18, 2025 with these members in attendance:

Doug Marmie – Chair  
Spencer Barker – Vice Chair  
Michael Houser  
Bill Cost Jr.  
Bradley Chute

### **We wish to report:**

**Mr. Marmie** - The unappropriated balance of the General Fund is \$365,731.00 and the balance of the Budget Stabilization Fund is \$698,128.00.

#### **1. Resolution No. 25-06 Exp APPROPRIATING MONIES FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION**

Section 1. There is hereby an appropriation of the unappropriated balance of the 231 Adult Probation Fund, in the amount of \$6,000.00 (For the purchase of transit passes)

231.113.5319	Miscellaneous Supplies	6,000.00
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**Kevin Saad, Adult Probation Director** - Good evening. This is in reference to our grant program. It won't cost the city any money. We've been purchasing these transit passes for our offenders since 2016. We didn't put it in this year's budget because we were trying to watch the budget to see if we might need the \$6,000 for something else. It looks like we don't. So, we're going to go ahead and make the purchase if you approve it.

#### **Motion to send to full Council by Mr. Barker, Second by Mr. Houser, Motion passed 5-0**

#### **2. Resolution No. 25-07 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NEWARK TO APPLY FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT FROM THE STATE OF OHIO 2025 URBAN FORESTRY GRANT.**

**Barbara Gilkes** - This is a new grant that the Division of Parks would like to pursue. We will be reimbursed if we're successful. 100% of our costs for tree planting is the plan. Right now, they're trying to decide which areas to plant the trees.

**Motion to send to full Council by Mr. Barker, Second by Mr. Houser**

**Mr. Marmie** - Do we go through the, I think, isn't it soil and water conservation that does things with trees as well? They sell trees and do all that?

**Ms. Gilkes** - Well, they may. I'm not aware of that. We're going to get an estimate for the grant application, and from what I understand, Chance is looking at getting an estimate from Albans. But if we are successful, we have to open it up for fair competition for the contract. Right now, we're in the planning stages, but we can have the vendor plant the trees as well, which would probably be the best route to go, simply because the Division of Parks, they're fairly stretched with all their other responsibilities, and I think it would come out better if we went that route.

**Mr. Marmie** - Doesn't soil and water conservation, aren't they an extension of the government in order to provide us guidance and a plan for forestry?

**Ms. Gilkes** - Well, they may be, but according to this grant, we have to follow certain guidelines as to what types of trees are going to be planted. We're not obligated to go through soil and water for the grant.

**Mr. Marmie** - But it's specific in the fact that there's already a plan for a forestry for improvement to have additional trees in the title.

**Ms. Gilkes** – Yes.

**Mr. Marmie** - Okay, very good. Thank you.

**Motion passed 5-0**

**3. Resolution No. 25-09 A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING MONIES FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION**

Section 1. There is hereby an appropriation of the unappropriated balance of the 100 General Fund, in the amount of \$11,026.94 (BWC Grant Awarded – Equipment for the Fire Department)

100.204.5331	Machinery Equipment & Supplies	11,026.94
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**Brandon Metzger, Fire Chief** - Thank you, Mr. Chair. We applied for what was a remainder on a BWC grant. We're looking to pick up some miscellaneous equipment for some of the new fire apparatus that's just arrived and then subsequently coming in. We're fortunate enough to be awarded that amount. We're simply just asking for that amount back so we can make those purchases.

**Motion to send to full Council by Mr. Barker, Second by Mr. Houser, Motion passed 5-0**

Section 2. There is hereby an appropriation of the unappropriated balance of the 221 Street Fund, in the amount of \$1,000.00 (PEP Grant)

221.302.5315	Street Maintenance Supplies	1,000.00
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**Barbara Gilkes** - This appropriation is for the PEP grant, which is through Bureau of Workers' Compensation, and it will be used to purchase signage for the Division of Streets.

**Motion to send to full Council by Mr. Barker, Second by Mr. Houser, Motion passed 5-0**

Meeting stands adjourned.

Doug Marmie, Chair