

Finance Committee Minutes

Honorable Council
City of Newark, Ohio
September 27, 2016

The Finance Committee met in Council Chambers on Monday September 26, 2016 with these members in attendance:

Doug Marmie
Carol Floyd
Ryan Bubb
Bill Cost Jr.
Curtis Johnson for Mark Fraizer

We wish to report:

1. **Resolution No. 16-86** appropriating monies for the current expenses of the municipal corporation was considered.

Section 1. There is hereby an appropriation of the unappropriated balance of the 233, Police Grant Fund, in the amount of \$5,700.00 (Traffic grants from ODPS)

Account	Description	Amount
233.133.5118	STEP	\$2,700.00
233.135.5118	IDEP	3,000.00

Barbara Gilkes- this appropriation is for our two new traffic grants from the Ohio Department of Public Safety. Those grants follow the Federal fiscal year so we need to have the appropriation now.

Motion by Mrs. Floyd to send to full Council, second by Mr. Bubb
Motion passed 5-0.

Section 2. There is hereby an appropriation of the unappropriated balance of the 100, General Fund, in the amount of \$20,327.40 (BWC Grant for Chest Compression System & Power Supply)

Account	Description	Amount
100.204.5303200	Medical Supplies Chest Compression	\$20,327.40

Chief Connor- the Bureau of Workers Compensation has a grant out there and like I always tell you we apply for grants in every facet at the Fire Department to try to get some money into the city. In this case they are for cardiac arrest compression devices that are out on the streets, they are the new technology in compressions. They are expensive and we are getting two with this money from the Bureau of Worker’s Compensation. Last year we had 169 cardiac arrests in the City of Newark. We still maintain better save rate than the national average within the city limits and I am proud of that. In 2015 the Newark Fire Department was awarded by the American Heart Association free hospital treatment of stroke and cardiac arrest patients. An award that says we are working very well with Licking Memorial Hospital to get things done better than the average person. There are only 75 agencies in the State of Ohio that got that award and we are one of them. I think that our cardiac arrest data speaks for its’ self. These compression devices that we will get with this grant money will only make things better. We are working on getting another through another grant with Firehouse Subs on 21st Street.

**Motion by Mr. Cost to send to full Council, second by Mrs. Floyd
Motion passed 5-0.**

Section 3. There is hereby an appropriation of the unappropriated balance of the 231, Probation Improvement Grant Fund, in the amount of \$1,400.00 (Reimbursement for SCRAM Unit)

Account	Description	Amount
231.232.5312	Law Enforcement Supplies	\$1,400.00

Director Sadd- this is one of those cases where one of defendants destroyed the SCRAM unit and they actually paid it all back so we would like to purchase another one.

**Motion by Mr. Bubb to send to full Council, second by Mr. Cost
Motion passed 5-0.**

Section 4. There is hereby an appropriation of the unappropriated balance of the 100, General Fund, in the amount of \$15,000.00 (Defendant evaluations & Interpreters)

Account	Description	Amount
100.112.5238	Service General Evaluations	\$12,000.00
100.112.5231	Interpreters	3,000.00

Judge Stansbury- this is for additional costs when we have to order a physiological evaluation of a defendant also the use of interpreters. The Supreme Court recently promulgated a new Rule of Superintendents which requires courts to provide an interpreter if they request one or if the court deems them unable to understand or comprehend the proceedings which is fair. The Supreme Court has also prohibited the trial courts from assessing the costs of the interpreter as court cost to the litigant. That is something the costs have to eat and is basically an unfunded mandate.

As far as the evaluations, I don't know if you remember or not but we had to come back for more money for those as well. If there is a suggestion of incompetence or insanity the court is ordered to have a psychological evaluation done. Just to let you know how diligent we are trying to be to minimize these costs we have taken a couple of steps. Number one we are starting to utilize a different service provider that is about half the cost of our former one. The other one that we are trying to do and I can give you a good example, it is not uncommon for someone who needs to go under psychological evaluation to have more than one case pending. They could have a case in front of me and one in front of Judge Higgins or one at the common pleas court so if one has already been ordered than we don't order a second one because we don't want to be redundant because we can take judicial notice of the fact that they were evaluated pursuant a felony case that was pending we don't have to order one to find the same results. It is a lot of money and I understand that the city is hurting financially but unfortunately these are services that we are required to provide by law. We respectfully ask that appropriation of these funds been sent to Council for further consideration.

Motion by Mrs. Floyd to send to full Council, second by Mr. Johnson

Mr. Cost- what normally would be the price of having an evaluation done?

Judge Stansbury- recently as the administrative judge I have to sign off on all of those expenditures and it is about \$1500.00 but with this new provider it is about \$750.00.

Mr. Marmie- did they tell you what fund this is coming from?

Judge Stansbury- I got an email and it was about recertifying something

Mr. Marmie- he mentioned that he was going to do that I just noticed that this is coming from the unappropriated balance and I was told that there was nothing in the unappropriated balance. I think what Steve has done is recertify the collection as far as the taxes to increase it by \$15,000.00 in order to make an unappropriated balance.

Motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

2. **Resolution No. 16-87** authorizing and directing the mayor of the City of Newark to prepare and submit to the United States Department of Housing and Urban

Development (HUD) a one year use of funds/action plan along with an application for FY 2017 Federal Community Development Block Grant funds (CDBG), as required by 24 CFR part 91.220, for various programs related to housing and community development was considered.

Barbara Gilkes- this is our annual request for our CDBG application. We will be having our public hearing on October 6th at 4:00 in Council Chamber to announce our potential sub recipients.

**Motion by Mrs. Floyd to send to full Council, second by Mr. Bubb
Motion passed 4-1 (Marmie).**

3. **Resolution No. 16-88** authorizing and directing the Mayor of the City of Newark to prepare and submit applications to the Ohio Department of Public Safety for fiscal year 2016 Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (jag-le) funding was considered.

Barbara Gilkes- this is a short term 6 month grant that the Department of Public Safety offers law enforcement each year. Last year we were funded for the boots and pedals project for the downtown area. The Police Department and I will be getting together to put together another application.

**Motion by Mrs. Floyd to send to full Council, second by Mr. Bubb
Motion passed 5-0.**

Mr. Marmie- I would like to know if and when we are going to have a Budget Review Committee meeting. I think that it is definitely necessary. I also would like to know if we are going to recertify at any point any further funds other than the \$15,000.00 seeing as if we have some different things.

Mayor Hall- stated that he would get back with him on a date for a Budget Review meeting after he spoke to the Auditor.

Doug Marmie, Chair