

Finance Committee Minutes

Honorable Council
City of Newark, Ohio
November 13, 2013

Finance Committee met in Council Chambers on Tuesday November 12, 2013 at 5:30 P.M. with these members in attendance:

Doug Marmie, Chair
Bill Cost Jr.
Carol Floyd

Rhonda Loomis for Ryan Bubb
Curtis Johnson

We wish to report:

1. Discuss **Resolution No. 13-98** appropriating and disappropriating monies for current expenses of the Municipal Corporation.
 - a) A request for an appropriation of the unappropriated balance of the 100, General Fund, in the amount of \$1,744.56 (Appropriate funds from the sale of items on GovDeals to purchase miscellaneous supplies)

| Account | Description | Amount |
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| 100.204.5319 | Miscellaneous | \$1,744.56 |

Director Rhodes- we are requesting the proceeds from the sale of a smokehouse and a 2001 Crown Vic so that we can purchase 9 bunk mattresses for station 3.

**Motion by Mrs. Floyd to send to full Council, second by Mrs. Loomis
Motion passed by a vote of 5-0.**

- b) A request for an appropriation of the unappropriated balance of the 100, General Fund, in the amount of \$9,000.00 (replacement of outdated and failing computers & monitors)

| Account | Description | Amount |
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| 100.203.5536 | Computer Hardware/Software | \$9,000.00 |

Director Rhodes- we are requesting \$9,000.00 to update failing computers and monitors.

Mrs. Floyd- it says that it is being disappropriated from salaries, do you know what salaries?

Director Rhodes- unspent salaries from the Police Department

Lesa Best- does the City still have an IT contract with anyone?

Director Rhodes- we do, AlphaLink

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

Motion passed by a vote of 5-0.

- c) A request for a disappropriation of the appropriated balance of the 100, General Fund, in the amount of \$9,000.00

Account Description Amount

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| 100.203.5111 | Salaries | \$9,000.00 |
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Motion by Mrs. Floyd to send to full Council, second by Mr. Cost

Motion passed by a vote of 5-0.

- d) A request for an appropriation of the unappropriated balance of the 282, Fema Fund, in the amount of \$1,703.00 (Fema funds received- returning funds where expenses actually occurred)

Account Description Amount

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| 282.301.5901221 | OPT Street | \$847.93 |
| 282.203.5901100 | OPT Police | 209.37 |
| 282.204.5901100 | OPT Fire | 137.77 |
| 282.222.5901221 | OPT Traffic | 136.58 |
| 282.706.5901621 | OPT Water | 354.85 |
| 282.121.5901100 | OPT Service | 6.89 |
| 282.601.5901100 | OPT Development | 9.61 |

Director Rhodes- this is the remainder of Fema funds that came in and we are appropriating the funds back to the specific funds they were used in.

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

Motion passed by a vote of 5-0.

- e) A request for an appropriation of the unappropriated balance of the 100, General Fund, in the amount of \$40,000.00 (purchase of supervisor cruiser along with equipment)

| Account | Description | Amount |
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| 100.203.5532 | Vehicles | \$40,000.00 |

Director Rhodes- as you know our Capital Improvement budget has been strained the last couple of years and for the next two years it will be strained too so Director Spurgeon, myself and Chief Sarver sat down and we put a little plan down on police cruisers. He was out of his budget able to look internally and find another \$40,000.00 of unused dollars he is going to buy a cruiser with those dollars and he is going to retrofit them and then out of Capital Improvements next year I will be requesting dollars for another police cruiser so he will at least have two. He actually needs about six per year but with the restraints that we have on the Capital Improvements budget this is about the best we could put together.

Mrs. Floyd- so the salaries are out of the Police Department
Director Rhodes- yes and again it is an appropriation and a disappropriation.

**Motion by Mrs. Loomis to send to full Council, second by Mr. Johnson
Motion passed by a vote of 5-0.**

- f) A request for a disappropriation of the appropriated balance of the 100, General Fund, in the amount of \$40,000.00 (purchase of supervisor cruiser along with equipment)

| Account | Description | Amount |
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| 100.202.5111 | Salaries | \$40,000.00 |

**Motion by Mrs. Floyd to send to full Council, second by Mr. Johnson
Motion passed by a vote of 5-0.**

- g) an appropriation of the unappropriated balance of the 297, Fire Safety Grant Fund, in the amount of \$8,001.00 (FY 2012 AFG OT for Fire Officer Training)

| Account | Description | Amount |
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| 297.298.5118 | Overtime | \$8,001.00 |

Barbara Gilkes- this appropriation is tied to our Firefighters Assistant Grant; we had Fire Officer I and II training. This amount of \$8,001.00 is the overtime costs that need to be charged to the grant.

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

- h) A request for a disappropriation of the appropriated balance of the 297, Fire Safety Grant Fund, in the amount of \$8,001.00 (FY 2012 AFG OT for Fire Officer Training)

| Account | Description | Amount |
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| 297.298.5222 | Training | \$8,001.00 |

**Motion by Mrs. Loomis to send to full Council, second by Mrs. Floyd
Motion passed by a vote of 5-0.**

2. Discuss **Resolution No. 13-99** appropriating monies for current expenses of the Municipal Corporation.

- a) A request for an appropriation of the unappropriated balance of the 231, CCA 408 Jail Diversion Grant 231 Fund, in the amount of \$471.77 (Refund to State to settled up with the State for Fiscal Year 2013)

| Account | Description | Amount |
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| 231.113.5611 | Refund to State | \$471.77 |

Scott Fulton- this is the amount that needs to be paid back to the State for fiscal years 2013.

**Motion by Mrs. Floyd to send to full Council, second by Mr. Johnson
Motion passed by a vote of 5-0.**

- b) A request for an appropriation of the unappropriated balance of the 100, General Fund, in the amount of \$27,322.98 (purchase of the remaining supplies for the 2013 CAD Integration Project)

| Account | Description | Amount |
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| 100.204.5331 | Machinery/Equipment Supplies | \$27,322.98 |

Director Rhodes- this is an appropriation and disappropriation, this is for the remaining dollars so we can purchase equipment needed for the 2013 CAD Integration Project.

Mrs. Floyd- what is the CAD Integration Project?

Mr. Marmie- it is basically the new 9/11 system, new 911. Basically what is happening with the new system is that their computers don't talk to our computers anymore and we need to be able to talk.

Mrs. Floyd- I would just like to make a comment we all have heard all along how we don't have enough policemen and enough firemen and I am just concerned that so many of these things are going into, I know we need the equipment, I'm not saying that we don't need that, but I am a little concerned that so much money is coming out of salaries. I voted for it because I know we have to have the cruisers and the machinery, I know 911 has to work, but I think that it is something that we need to be careful of because several of us go to block watch meetings and they hear all the time that we don't have enough officers on the street and that is a concern. I think that is something that we need to be careful of.

Mr. Marmie- I talked to Director Spurgeon and he indicated that he is closely monitoring the safety of our citizens, ensuring that our response times as far as Fire Department runs and the number of calls and the manner in which they are handled as far as the Police Department that none of them have increased or there is not an increase in the concern as far as numbers wise as far as the safety of our citizens. He too is aware of that and he indicated to me he is trying to balance, we have our officers and our firefighters and we are doing a very good job of being efficient with our personnel and our staffing and in the past few years we neglected to purchase items and to do things and so we are behind on that. He said that some of it is where we are in the process of hiring and we didn't fill it right away so he is taking money that he saved for a short period of time until he fills that seat and he is trying to utilize those dollars in an efficient manner. He could not be here this evening but he did communicate with me on this matter because I had the same type of questions because I knew I could get questions like that. I wanted to make sure that I shared that. Our budget is going to be tight this next year and we are going to have to look at everything. Our costs and the benefits that we provide to our citizens because I am in agreement safety forces is not somewhere that we want to skimp, ever. That is the number one reason why government is in place especially at the local level and that is the number one priority. This is being expedited because we want to get the new systems in as soon as possible so we can communicate with the new 911 system and when they go live we will go live.

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

- c) A request for a disappropriation of the appropriated balance of the 100, General Fund, in the amount of \$27,322.98 (Disappropriate funds from Fire Salaries to Machinery/Equipment)

| Account | Description | Amount |
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| 100.205.5111 | Salaries | \$27,322.98 |

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

Mr. Marmie- I failed to mention why the other item of \$471.77 was being expedited and that is because the State has requested payment within 30 days.

Doug Marmie, Chair