

Capital Improvements Minutes

Honorable Council
City of Newark, Ohio
January 31, 2018

The Capital Improvement Committee met in Council Chambers on Monday January 29, 2018 following the Rules with these members present:

Jonathan Lang, Chair
Dee Hall
Jeff Rath
Mark Labutis
Sean Fennell

We wish to Report:

1. **Resolution No. 18-05** 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 335, Capital Improvement Fund, in the amount of \$36,746.00 (Mower for Parks & Recreation)

Account	Description	Amount
335.432.5331	Machinery & Equipment	\$36,746.00

Director Rhodes- that is exactly what it is, mowers and equipment for the cemetery. We are going to have two particular growth areas in the parks this year one being at Everett and one being at Flory as well as we are redoing Wells Park in the spring with grant dollars that we have got. With better equipment we should be able to maintain the parks in better conditions.

Motion by Ms. Hall to send to full Council, second by Mr. Rath

Mr. Rath- what is the progress of the dog park at Flory?

Director Rhodes- 2 dog parks, one small, one large and there are also dog parks being considered for Everett Park. Flory dog parks will be ready in spring.

Mr. Fraizer- when we bought mowers and weed whackers last year do we keep inventory of that? Those carry over from last year and these are just new needs?

Director Rhodes- we do and yes. Weed whackers in all fairness get about one year.

Mr. Marmie- why are they capital improvement?

Director Rhodes- just always has been, fair question.

Mr. Cost- I would encourage this, I am absolutely amazed at the improvements we have made to our parks and I'd like to thank Director Rhodes.

Director Rhodes- thank you Bill but it doesn't come without the support of Council and the support of Director Mauter and his department. Jeff Hotchkiss is the team man.

Motion passed by a vote of 5-0.

Section 2. There is hereby an appropriation of the unappropriated balance of the 335, Capital Improvement Fund, in the amount of \$4,339.34 (Pole Building for Parks & Recreation)

Account	Description	Amount
335.432.5511	Buildings	\$4,339.34

Director Rhodes- we are going to be adding an additional storage building at Don Edwards Field to store brick dust, bases and additional equipment.

Motion by Mr. Rath to send to full Council, second by Mr. Labutis

Motion passed by a vote of 5-0.

Section 3. There is hereby an appropriation of the unappropriated balance of the 335, Capital Improvement Fund, in the amount of \$10,000.00 (Tree trimming)

Account	Description	Amount
335.122.5502	Land Improvements	\$10,000.00

Director Rhodes- through the year we analyze different trees on different city properties and make a decision whether to take them down or not this appropriation will set money aside to do that. If they aren't used they roll back to the General Fund.

Motion by Mr. Fennell to send to full Council, second Ms. Hall

Mr. Rath- are we taking down trees ourselves or are we contracting it out?

Director Rhodes- both, last year we bought a bigger chainsaw but there are some trees with long branches that hang down that we don't feel comfortable taking down ourselves. We just dropped two trees earlier last week that we took down ourselves. One of them we wouldn't have been able to do if we hadn't bought the chainsaw we did last year.

Mr. Rath- I know I have faith in you and trust you and hate to question you but I got to wonder why this comes out of capital improvements.

Director Rhodes- it always has but we can make it a line item next year like I am probably going to do with the weed whackers and I'm not opposed to that if there's money.

Motion passed by a vote of 5-0.

Jonathan Lang, Chair