

Service Committee Minutes

Honorable Council
City of Newark, Ohio
April 28, 2015

There was a meeting of the Service Committee in Council Chambers on Monday April 27, 2015 after Finance Committee with these members present:

Bill Cost Jr.
Jeff Rath
Jeremy Blake

Ryan Bubb
Carol Floyd for Alex Rolletta

We wish to Report:

1. **Ordinance 15-12** approving the editing and inclusion of certain ordinances and a resolution as parts of the various component codes of the codified ordinances; providing for the adoption of new matter in the updated and revised codified ordinances; repealing ordinances and resolutions in conflict therewith; and declaring an emergency was considered.

Mayor Hall- this is to update our ordinances on line, it is standard operating procedure, we do it once a year and it is always an emergency. The changes are legislation that was adopted last year.

**Motion Mr. Bubb to send to full Council, second by Mr. Rath
Motion passed by a vote of 5-0.**

2. **Ordinance 15-13** authorizing and directing the Newark City Safety Director to certify to the Licking County Auditor, the sum of \$91,008 incurred by the Newark City Property Maintenance Division with respect to Property Maintenance violations to be placed as a lien upon certain parcels of real property situated in the City of Newark, Ohio was considered.

Director Spurgeon- the Division of Property Maintenance I couldn't be more proud. This is our semiannual attempt to recover costs of service and fines. Joe, George and Nate are working very hard we have built efficiencies and with your support we are going to continue to do better things.

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

3. **Resolution No. 15-42** a resolution of intent to appropriate the real estate known as parcel #054-244170-00.000, Newark, Licking County, for maintaining and improving 30th and

Church Streets within the City of Newark, Ohio; authorizing the Mayor to give notice to the owner of such lands as required by law; and declaring an emergency was considered.

Brian Morehead- these next four pieces deal with the same project and that is our planned intersection improvement at 30th and Church St. It is planned to go to bid late this fall and probably under construction early next spring. By June 19th we need to certify to ODOT that we have acquired all of the right of way needed. We have been negotiating with or trying to reach these property owners and we have been unsuccessful in totally coming into contract with them. This first piece the residence has been vacated and we haven't had a return from the property owner so we have tried to negotiate with them and got no return at all.

Mr. Cost- how many pieces of property are we talking about in total that we are dealing with for this project?

Brian Morehead- on this portion of the project there were 22 parcels and out of the 22 these 4 remain that we have not been able to come to contract for. We will continue to negotiate with the owner's right up until that June date in hopes of being able to come into agreement but because we have deadlines we need to move forward with this phase now. If we get to the point where somebody settles next week I will come to Council and let you know that we don't need to pass the piece of legislation. He is hopeful that 3 out of the four of those will get settled. The third one being this one we have gotten no response and our negotiator is concerned that there may be a bankruptcy or foreclosure involved here.

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

Motion passed by a vote of 5-0.

4. **Resolution No. 15-43** a resolution of intent to appropriate the real estate known as parcel #054-235770-00.000, Newark, Licking County, for maintaining and improving 30th and Church Streets within the City of Newark, Ohio; authorizing the Mayor to give notice to the owner of such lands as required by law; and declaring an emergency was considered.

Brian Morehead- the situation on this house is that the owners have moved to Washington and rent the house. They stated that they just received our package and need a little more time but it is expected that they will sign.

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

Mr. Rath- is this to acquire the entire property or just a portion?

Brian Morehead- actually just a portion. This is a temporary easement to do the work. It is a small value and an easement that will be used during construction. 18 months after they sign the easement goes away and it is null and void

Motion passed by a vote of 5-0.

5. **Resolution No. 15-44** a resolution of intent to appropriate the real estate known as parcel #054-242994-00.000, Newark, Licking County, for maintaining and improving 30th and

Church Streets within the City of Newark, Ohio; authorizing the Mayor to give notice to the owner of such lands as required by law; and declaring an emergency was considered.

Brian Morehead- these property owners live in Florida and rent the property and have not responded to our offers and attempts to get into touch with them. We are hoping that the appropriation letter will get them to submit a counter offer.

Mr. Cost- how long of a process is this as far as you trying to reach out to them and them getting back to you?

Brian Morehead- we have to attempt at least three times. The whole process started back in January.

Mr. Rath- is this an easement or an acquisition?

Brian Morehead- this is a small strip of land that we would acquire plus a temporary easement.

Mr. Cost- so is there going to be sidewalk for the entire project?

Brian Morehead- yes

Mr. Cost- how far down does this project go?

Brian Morehead- the intersection project is on Church St just west of the intersection of 30th and then come south on 30th to Lawnview. The storm sewer portion of the project that we are already out to bid on actually comes down 30th to Woodlawn. We have settled all of the properties that we needed to for the storm sewer portion of the project.

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

Motion passed by a vote of 5-0.

6. **Resolution No. 15-45** a resolution of intent to appropriate the real estate known as parcel #054-240852-00.000, Newark, Licking County, for maintaining and improving 30th and Church Streets within the City of Newark, Ohio; authorizing the Mayor to give notice to the owner of such lands as required by law; and declaring an emergency was considered.

Brian Morehead- there is a problem with the deed and it wasn't something that could be finalized at this point but I think that the owners are in agreement to sign they just need to get some legal issues taken care of to get the deed cleared up. Once that occurs they can settle with us.

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

Motion passed by a vote of 5-0.

Bill Cost, Jr- Chair