

Service Committee Minutes

Honorable Council
City of Newark, Ohio
September 6, 2023

The Service Committee met in Council Chambers on September 5, 2023, following the Finance Committee with these members in attendance:

Jeff Rath - Chair
Dustin Neely – Vice Chair
Spencer Barker
Beth Bline
Bradley Chute

We wish to report:

1. Resolution No. **23-81** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE FOR THE CITY OF NEWARK, OHIO, TO ENTER INTO A LEASE-PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH PARK NATIONAL BANK FOR THE LEASE-PURCHASE OF ONE (1) NON-TRANSPORT MEDIC UNITS FOR THE DIVISION OF FIRE.

David Rhodes, Service Director - We have three of these units on order and like everything else, it's taking a long time to get items in. We have thought we may just pay cash for one of them and lease purchase the other two, but depending on how long it takes to get in I thought I would at least get the authority from Council to do a lease purchase on this third one if in fact we feel it's in the best interest of the City when that time comes.

Mr. Rath - What is a non-transport vehicle?

Director Rhodes - It's a fire truck with medic equipment on it. Generally you'll see a medic with a fire truck chasing it, but these are fire trucks.

Motion to send to full Council by Mr. Barker, second by Ms. Bline

Rochelle Volen-Smith -, 237 Violet Ct. - I was wondering whether Park National was giving us the best possible deal and whether that has been looked into.

Director Rhodes - We feel as though they are. We have a master lease there are some savings with a master lease.

Motion passed 5-0

2. Resolution No. **23-82** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO NEGOTIATE AND ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITHOUT COMPETITIVE BIDDING FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF A NEW BOILER FOR THE NEWARK POLICE DEPARTMENT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Director Rhodes - We spoke about this a little bit in Finance for the \$130,000. We are asking you to let us waive competitive bidding on this so we can get to work on this quickly and that's the reason we're asking. It's recommended by Johnson Control which we have been on a service agreement with for years.

Mr. Rath - Where is Jonson Control at?

Director Rhodes - They recommend we replace at least one. I did get a second recommendation, but I have not had an opportunity to go through that completely with them, I got it about 5 minutes prior to a meeting that Doug Marmie and Michael Houser and I went to, so I haven't had a chance to thoroughly go through it. I had mentioned to Doug when we get through here tonight I will send that to him to look at too. There might be an amendment before Council, but I didn't want to have to stop everything and then re-start it again.

Mr. Rath - Are they not functioning now?

Director Rhodes - Both are limping along, there is a main boiler and a back-up boiler.

Mr. Rath - And the boiler is responsible for heating?

Director Rhodes - For heating.

Mr. Rath - And on the hottest day of the year you would declare an emergency. Why is that?

Director Rhodes - Because we want to get it done before the cold weather sets in. It takes a while to get these things ordered.

Mr. Rath - If we waive the emergency clause on this where would that put us at time?

Director Rhodes - November 10th.

Mr. Rath - If we waive the emergency clause, where would that put us at delivery time and I'm assuming once we get it delivered the installation will be a very short period.

Director Rhodes - I can't honestly answer because I haven't had the ability to order yet, the emergency clause gives me the opportunity to do that.

Chief McKee - Can I insert something real quick, the boiler system runs 24/7 in our department even in the summer time. The chiller system and boiler system work together, so it's not like in your house where your furnace runs just in the winter time, for us the chiller sends out air like 40 degrees and the boiler brings it to the comfort level, whatever that is. So that's how our system is set up, so the boilers actually run 24/7 to do that, so it's not just because it's 90 degrees you wouldn't need it. The boiler system there is a primary and a back-up and they switch back and forth and just over the years it's taken a toll. Right now we're spending money just trying to keep it going, so it would be an emergency because they are both still running. Like it was running all day today even though it was 90 some degrees out. So, that's just how it's set up.

Mr. Rath - Okay, fair enough, I don't want to abuse the emergency clause.

Motion to send to full Council by Mr. Barker, second by Ms. Bline, Motion passed 5-0

Meeting stands adjourned

Jeff Rath -Chair