

Service Committee Minutes

Honorable Council
City of Newark, Ohio
March 7, 2023

The Service Committee met in Council Chambers on March 6, 2023, following the Finance Committee with these members in attendance:

Jeff Rath - Chair
Jeff Harris – Vice Chair
Spencer Barker
Beth Bline
Cheri Hottinger

We wish to report:

1. Consider **Resolution No. 23-22** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE OF THE CITY OF NEWARK, OHIO TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND ENTER INTO CONTRACT FOR THE OFF-SITE DISPOSAL AND BENEFICIAL REUSE OF BIOSOLIDS FROM NEWARK'S WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT.

Roger Loomis, Water Administrator - This is a contract we have every year, we had the last contract for 10 years, we're going to be doing this annually, nobody wants to bid long term anymore. This is for getting rid of the biosolids from the wastewater plant.

Motion by Ms. Hottinger, second by Mr. Barker to send to full council, Motion passed 5-0

2. Consider **Resolution No. 23-24** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE OF THE CITY OF NEWARK, OHIO TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT AND ENTER INTO A WATER SUPPLY REVOLVING LOAN ACCOUNT AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF NEWARK FOR PLANNING, DESIGN AND/OR CONSTRUCTION OF LEAD SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENTS AND DESIGNATING A DEDICATED REPAYMENT SOURCE FOR THE LOAN.

Mr. Loomis - This is a loan from our water development authority, program through Ohio EPA for replacement of lead service lines which we are currently doing and will continue doing with the ARP money. We have about \$4 million into this thing, this is for another \$4 million for the next stage. We're going to have a little over \$20 million in this project by the time we get done. This would be a zero percent interest loan on 53% of the money and principle forgiveness on 47% of the money, meaning we're not going to have to pay the money back. It's basically going to end up being a \$2 million zero percent interest loan. We are going to need to waive the second reading on that because the deadline is the 3rd of April.

Motion by Mr. Barker, Second by Ms. Bline to send to full council, Motion passed 5-0

Mr. Rath - Mr. Marmie, do we need to do anything the waive the 2 day reading rule or just wait until Council?

Mr. Marmie - If it's early April we're actually going to need the emergency clause because it's 30 days before it becomes effective. So you'll need the emergency clause to make it effective immediately. I would amend it here.

Motion by Mr. Barker to amend and add the Emergency Clause to Resolution No. 23-24, Second by Ms. Hottinger, Motion to amend passed 5-0

Motion by Mr. Barker to forward 23-24 as amended onto full Council, second by Ms. Bline, motion passed 5-0

3. Consider **Resolution No. 23-25** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE OF THE CITY OF NEWARK, OHIO, TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND ENTER INTO CONTRACTS, SUBJECT TO THE APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS, FOR REPLACEMENT OF LEAD SERVICE LINES WITHIN THE WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM FOR PROJECT YEARS 2023-2027

Mr. Loomis - This is just the resolution that allows us to bid these projects. We're bidding them in 200-400 house chunks, so we're bidding them every 6 months so we get our contractors to do the work. Our last two bids we only had one contractor on each one, so we're trying to get it down small enough so we can keep these contractors bidding on these. This will last for the next four years to get this done.

Mr. Rath - This won't require expedition?

Mr. Loomis - No, we won't be bidding this until after July sometime.

Motion by Mr. Barker, Second by Mr. Harris to send to full Council, Motion passed 5-0

Meeting stands adjourned

Jeff Rath -Chair