

**Finance Committee**  
**Monday, May 10, 2021**  
**6:00 p.m. Medina City Hall – Rotunda**

**In attendance:** J. Coyne – Chairman, E. Heffinger, P. Rose, J. Shields (6:04 p.m.), B. Lamb, J. Hazeltine and Dennie Simpson.

**Also present:** Mayor Hanwell, Greg Huber, Patrick Patton, Nino Piccoli, Keith Dirham, Chief Kinney, Chief Walters, Cindy Lastuka, Dan Gladish, Kathy Patton, Jonathan Mendel.

1. Assignment of Requests for Council Action

2. 21-093-5/10 – Community Corrections Act (CCA) Grant Renewal – Muni Court

Cindy Lastuka stated this is a re-occurring grant that we are applying for two of our probation officers to help pay their salaries and benefits. Mr. Simpson moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Rose. Motion passed 6-0.

3. 21-094-5/10 – Then & Now – Baker Dublikar Beck Wiley & Matthews – Law Dept.

Mr. Huber stated that Baker Dublikar Law firm is the insurance defense counsel assigned to us by our insurance company. They are currently representing the city in a suit filed by Ralph Jocke` and Pat Walker. Some of these monies we have to pay out of the city funds, others have been paid by the insurance company. Emergency is needed due to payment being due.

Mr. Rose stated we have to pay more money for a lawyer because we were sued by the people who thought we had too much government waste and so now we are wasting money on lawyers to defend ourselves.

Mr. Huber stated this would be the fourth lawsuit filed by that group.

The next expenditure is for Walter Haverfield, Todd Hunt is representing the Board of Zoning Appeals in the demolition issue that is pending concerning the house on North Court St. and Greg is presenting the case so he can not represent also and that is why the expenditure is needed. Mr. Simpson moved to approve with emergency clause, seconded by Mr. Rose. Motion passed 6-0.

4. 21-095-5/10 – Then & Now – Walter Haverfield – Law Dept.

Mr. Simpson moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Rose. Motion passed 6-0.

5. 21-096-5/10 – Bids, 2021 – 2022 Equipment and General Pavement Services - Service

Mr. Piccoli stated this is the annual bid that we ask to advertise with respect to asphalt and pavement repairs that are a result from water breaks. Mr. Simpson moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Rose. Motion passed 6-0.

6. 21-097-5/10 – 2020-Audit – Letter of Arrangement

Mr. Dirham stated this is the letter of arrangement for the audit and the audit is being conducted by the State Auditor's Office. Emergency clause is needed because they are already working on

the audit. Mr. Rose asked if we can use CARES Act Funds to pay for this. Keith stated generally no you can't use grant money to pay for your audit. We are still required to have the audit. Mr. Shields moved to approve with emergency clause, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Motion passed 7-0.

7. 21-098-5/10 – Job #967 – SR18 Corridor Water Line Replacement

Mr. Patton stated that ODOT is about to start the SR18 project and part of that project will include replacing city waterline in and out of the city. The recommendation is for us to abandon our old waterlines, in looking at the ODOT project they had planned on replacing some of those lines within their project and are willing to allow us using their consultant modify the plans to reflect us abandoning and not replacing about 1,600 feet of pipe. That would be step one, step two is the Burgundy Bay neighborhood that we currently serve would have to be transferred to the county water system and the county is willing to do that.

Mr. Coyne commented should we have just one connection and just for the safety he understands that can't be our water supply forever but if there is a catastrophic event that occurs at least we would be able to have water temporarily, can we put a small pipe in for temporary basis to supply enough water for our usage?

Mr. Patton clarified that this is the line from the water plant going south to Lake Medina, we still have a line from the water plant on the northern edge that goes through Reagan Park. There is a connection that we could use if we had to. Mr. Shields moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Motion passed 7-0.

8. 21-099-5/10 – Easements for N. Broadway Bridge Replacement – Job #1039

Mr. Patton stated these are the other two easements needed for this project. Mr. Shields moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Motion passed 7-0.

9. 21-100-5/10 – Bids, N. Broadway & Spring Grove Culvert Replacements

Mr. Patton stated this is for replacements for both culverts, total estimate is \$946,000. We do have Ohio Publics Works Commission Grant funding for this project in the amount of \$477,979.00. We were asked to consider installing a more decorative railing and we priced it out and came up with a plan they are more comfortable with and price estimate of \$15,000 more per bridge to install the decorative railing. Mr. Shields and Mr. Lamb spoke in favor of adding it.

Mr. Coyne stated if we do it for one we will be asked to do it for other projects. We just want to be consistent if we are setting a theme or esthetic theme throughout the different neighborhoods. Jessica Hazeltine also feels we should keep it consistent every time we did one in the historical neighborhood and feels there is a middle ground in between the base model and this elaborate drawing that she is looking at.

Rick Kelly resides at 520 N. Broadway St. stated what they really are concerned about is that this is one of the main gateways into the heart of town square and keeping it looking like the neighborhood is highly important as opposed to having a concrete barrier. If there is an opportunity, would the city entertain a public private funded effort if those funds can't be raised, and if so, how long would that delay the project. Mr. Coyne stated it depends on the final estimate for this design, it may come down to being less. Yes, participation from a local association is very helpful and it shows other neighborhoods throughout the city that they are vested so yes, we would definitely entertain a funded effort. Mr. Heffinger asked how much time

would they have to raise funds and would it delay the project. Mr. Patton stated they would hope to bid this project by the end of June 2021.

Jim Dahm resides at 527 N. Broadway St. and is a member of Founder's Way. He pointed out that this has been a two-year project for them. They've done several projects cleaning up, sidewalks, wired fencing and shrubbery. The drawings that were put together were based on sketches they put together and from traveling throughout the county in different areas they took pictures of different railings they have seen. They would like to see something much nicer than the concrete pipe railings that are out there now. They can certainly look to downscale a little bit from where they are at.

Mr. Simpson stated he likes the design in particular the "M" and the idea of putting what creek it is on top.

Mr. Lamb stated he is impressed that there is a group of folks who put general labor into the neighborhood, physical labor. Bill doesn't buy into it having to be all consistent because all neighborhoods are not consistent. Coming up with a design speaks to their take on their neighborhood. Bill stated we generally don't ask people to pay for those types of improvements. We just do them because we understand the contribution that it makes to the city, it's a benefit.

Mayor spoke of the Stevenson Foundation and looking into that for help.

Patrick said we could bid it as an add alternate, more info in about 45 days. Mr. Shields moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Motion passed 7-0.

There being no further business, the Finance Committee adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

John M. Coyne, Chairman