

Finance Committee
Monday, January 10, 2022
6:00 p.m. Medina City Hall – Multi-Purpose Room

In attendance: J. Coyne – Chairman, P. Rose, J. Shields, B. Lamb, J. Hazeltine, Dennie Simpson and R. Haire.

Also present: Mayor Hanwell, Patrick Patton, Keith Dirham, Nino Piccoli, Kimberly Marshall, Jansen Wehrley, Chief Kinney, Chief Walters, Andrew Dutton, Rick Kirby and Kathy Patton.

1. Assignment of Requests for Council Action

2. 21-260-12/13 – Developer Agreement between City and 5990 Branch Rd. LLC

Mrs. Marshall stated this started out as a MOU. They came up with a new idea where their engineering firm would pay for items upfront instead of us. They have to provide plans to Mr. Patton as well. Kimberly got together a draft agreement for council and would like it to be subject to the Law Director’s review and approval and engineering as well. There is one modification she would like to make first. In the construction agreement item #3 there is mention of storm sewer and ditches that is an item that the developer is not going to be responsible for, that is something we will be doing on the city end.

Patrick stated they did recognize that and the intention when the agreement was revised was to note that the city would be doing those improvements.

Mr. Coyne stated from the council’s perspective, he feels they are all on the same page with respect to what needs to be accomplished with this project. What we can do is approve it subject to the Law Director approval and the modifications can be made to the agreement. Mr. Shields moved to approve subject to the final approval of the Law Director and any modifications that he recommends, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Motion passed 7-0.

3. 22-001-1/10 – Budget Amendments

#2022-002 – Donation

Mr. Dirham stated they need to appropriate the funds in order to spend them. Chief Walters stated they received a \$1,000 donation from FBC Chemical. Keith stated the account needs to be for #107 not #106. Mr. Shields moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Motion passed 7-0.

#2022-002 – ARPA Project / Bicentennial Sales

Mr. Dirham stated when those sales are made we need to appropriate the funds and the other one is for a grant project. Mr. Shields moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Motion passed 7-0.

4. 22-002-1/10 – Expenditure – Software Solutions, Annual Support

Mr. Dirham stated this is the annual support for SSI. Mr. Shields moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Motion passed 7-0.

5. 22-003-1/10 – 12-Hour Shifts for Patrol Officers & Sergeants - Police

Chief Kinney stated that the Sergeant Union and the Patrol Officer's Union would like to try out a 12-hour shift period. This would be a temporary trial for 6 months. The reason they are having to amend the contract and enter into a MOU with the two bargaining units is because they currently have ten hour shifts in their contract and as it is now the Mayor and Chief are agreeable to this trial period for the 12-hour shifts. Requested the emergency clause because they would like to begin this trial period beginning on February 13th which is the beginning of a pay period.

Mayor stated in this case it is the union requesting to permit them to do this trial period, after the trial and if all are happy, then they will move forward with negotiations this fall for the next three-year contract. This provides a rotation to avoid overtime, so they are not working all twelve hours and in a 2-week period they have an 8-hour shift also.

Chief Kinney feels the motivation behind this is as it currently stands on the ten hour shifts the most senior officers are the only ones that get the weekends off and so with the 12-hour shifts that would alternate.

Mr. Simpson commented that his concern would be the safety aspect stating that when you are 20 or 30 years of age it is not that difficult to work a 12-hour shift but you get into the older officers and that becomes more difficult maybe not physically but mentally to make decisions.

Chief Kinney stated this schedule is not something unusual for them and shares the concerns with officer fatigue of course but the 12-hour shifts gives much more down time than the 10 hour shifts or 8-hour shifts and more time to rehabilitate and spend more time with their family. Several surrounding departments are on 12-hour shifts and it is trending in that direction for law enforcement in the State of Ohio as well as nationwide. Mr. Shields moved to approve with the emergency clause, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Motion passed 7-0.

6. 22-004-1/10 – Expenditure – Central Square – CAD/RMS Maint. Agreement – Police

Chief Kinney stated this is the maintenance agreement for their CAD and RMS software, it is a report management system and is their main computer system that runs all their reports and dispatch, pretty much their central hub. Mr. Shields moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Motion passed 7-0

7. 22-005-1/10 – Expenditure Over \$15,000 – MNJ Technologies - Police

Chief Kinney stated this is the main vendor that they use for technology when they need to buy computers, electronic parts, equipment for the cars electronic in nature. Mr. Shields moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Motion passed 7-0.

8. 22-006-1/10 – Expenditure Over \$15,000 – Vances Law Enforcement – Police

Chief Kinney stated this is for law enforcement equipment including firearms and ammunition. Mr. Shields moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Motion passed 7-0

9. 22-007-1/10 – Authorize land negotiation – 2000 Medina Road

Mayor Hanwell stated Law Director Huber is not here this evening but they would like to get council's authorization to let him begin negotiations for this property which is a little over 30 acres immediately to the east of our existing airport. The benefit of this would be not only to lent them the runway to permit smaller jets, but also to increase land available for hangar space to generate more revenue to try to make the airport into a self-funding operation verses the city or

flight serves having to supplement it to try and keep our heads above water. We would come back to council once a negotiated price is reached. This is not permitting us to enter into any agreements but just try to get this process started.

Mr. Coyne stated it is his understanding that it is suggested to work with the FAA in the long run to try to get reimbursed. Mr. Shields moved to allow the law director to proceed forward on negotiating the purchase of the property, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Motion passed 7-0.

10. 22-008-1/10 – Authorize Reagan Park Lighting Project (ARPA Funds) – Field #4

Mr. Wehrley stated the field poles at Reagan Field #4 is one of the largest baseball fields and gets used by a variety of associations. It also happens to have the oldest light structure consisting of wooden poles with overhead wires and has end of life equipment. This has been on the capital improvement list since early 2016. When we were made aware of the American Rescue Plan Act restrictions, it was discovered that enhancing the outdoor space this was an eligible project. This proposal is for LED lights. We currently have 3 fields that are on control link which is a web-based platform enables administrators or the associations to schedule lights to be turned on at specific times and provides us with a lot of data. The emergency clause is requested because the typical lead time is 10 to 12 weeks for the equipment to arrive and if we get approval they can begin doing the work for moving the existing equipment as well as installing the precast concrete basis for the light poles and hopefully this can all be done before the season starts. Jansen has the approval letter and needs to be signed by Mayor Hanwell once the specifications are reviewed by not only the law director but the building official and city engineer.

Mr. Coyne asked what will be done with the old pole and lights?

Jansen stated in their quote they included removal of the equipment so it would be removed and disposed. We can request the utility poles to stay at our facility for use for other projects. Mr. Shields moved to approve with the emergency clause, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Motion passed 7-0.

11. Executive Session: (imminent litigation / employment)

It was moved by Mr. Shields and seconded by Mr. Simpson to enter into Executive Session at 6:25 p.m. to consider the employment of a public employer or official and conferences with the City's Law Director concerning disputes involving the City which are the subject of pending or imminent court action to include the Mayor. Roll was called and passed by the yea votes of B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, J. Coyne, D. Simpson, R. Haire, and J. Hazeltine.

The Finance Committee reconvened, and there being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

John M. Coyne, Chairman