

**The FINANCE COMMITTEE held a Meeting on**  
**MONDAY, MARCH 28<sup>TH</sup>, 2022 beginning at 7:30 P.M.**

**FINANCE PRESENT:** Chair Stewart, Tollett, Cerra, Davis, Schneider

**CD PRESENT:** Chair Callahan, Mitchell, Lipian, Oswald, Schneider

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Law Dir Deery, Safety Service Dir Brubaker, Mayor Whitfield, Finance Dir Pileski, Asst Finance Dir Farrell, Asst Dir Calvert, Asst Dir Williams, Engineer McKillips, WWPC Supt. Korzan, Fire Chief Pronesti, Police Capt Groomes, CD Mgr Almabayyed, Water Team Leader Jacob, IT Dir Rothgery, Council members Simmons and Corbin

**1. Approval of the Finance Meeting Minutes ~ MARCH 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022.**

**Mr. Schneider moved and Mrs. Davis second to approve the 'said' Meeting Minutes.**

**2. The matter of Road Salt Purchase thru ODOT for 2022-2023 Season.**

Referred By: Safety Service Director Brubaker

Dir Brubaker said this is the annual agreement with ODOT for the purchase of road salt for next season. Last year we paid \$37 per ton.

**Mr. Tollett moved and Mr. Schneider seconded to recommend an ordinance authorizing the agreement for road salt for the 2022-2023 season.**

**MOTION MADE**

**COMMITTEE REPORT WRITTEN**

**3. The matter of going out for bid and awarding a contract for new copiers and printers throughout the City Offices.**

Referred By: Safety Service Director Brubaker

Dir Brubaker said they are looking for a request for proposal (RFP) but they do need permission from council to award that contract by way of the mayor once we get the RFP's.

Mrs. Davis asked if we're purchasing these or leasing?

Dir Brubaker said we lease the printers and copiers and we're due to have them looked at and to see if we can get a better price.

**Mr. Tollett moved and Mr. Schneider seconded to recommend an ordinance authorizing RFP's for City copiers and printers.**

**MOTION MADE**

**COMMITTEE REPORT WRITTEN**

**4. The matter of finding a City Vehicle deemed unfit for public use and to dispose of said vehicle. [1996 E-350 ambulance, was used as water rescue for Fire Dept.].**

Referred By: Safety Service Director Brubaker

Dir Brubaker said this vehicle is no longer of use to the City. It was used to pull the trailer for the water rescue vehicle.

**Mr. Schneider moved and Mr. Cerra seconded to recommend a resolution to declare 'said' property unfit and no longer needed.**

**MOTION MADE**

**COMMITTEE REPORT WRITTEN**

**Mr. Cerra moved and Mr. Tollett seconded to recommend an ordinance declaring 'said' property to be disposed of by the best means possible.**

**MOTION MADE**

**COMMITTEE REPORT WRITTEN**

**5. The matter of finding City equipment deemed unfit for public use and to dispose of said equipment. [3 WWPC equipments; salt spreader, tractor, mower].**

Referred By: WWPC Superintendent Korzan

Supt. Korzan said they need to dispose of these three items. The tractor was purchased in 1985 when the plant was expanded. These items have been in storage and they cannot get parts for them.

Mrs. Davis asked if they will try to sell or discard?

Law Dir Deery said the Law uses the phrase 'by the best means possible'. We can put this items on govdeals.com which is like eBay for government entities and if we can get money for them. If it's past that point and we can get money for scrap, we'll try to do that.

**Mr. Schneider moved and Mr. Cerra seconded to recommend a resolution to declare 'said' equipment unfit and no longer needed.**

**MOTION MADE**

**COMMITTEE REPORT WRITTEN**

**Mr. Cerra moved and Mrs. Davis seconded to recommend an ordinance declaring 'said' equipment to be disposed of by the best means possible.**

**MOTION MADE**

**COMMITTEE REPORT WRITTEN**

**6. The matter of a 1-year rate plan pricing agreement with Verizon for wireless service for computers and modems in Police vehicles, Fire apparatus vehicles & Water Dist. vehicles.**

Referred By: IT Director Rothgery

Director Rothgery said they recently purchased wireless data service through Verizon for 111 vehicles and periodically they require them to sign a document that allows us to use GSA pricing which is through the government services administrator, in order to get the same pricing that we've had. It's an ongoing housekeeping document, but since they put a cap on how much we can purchase, we purchase about \$36,000 a year and their cap is \$65,000 and since that cap is over the \$50,000 the Law Dir's Office recommended that we have this go through council.

**Mr. Tollett moved and Mr. Schneider seconded to recommend an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into 'said' agreement.**

**MOTION MADE**

**COMMITTEE REPORT WRITTEN**

**7. The matter of a Northern Ohio Violence Crime Consortium (NOVCC) Project Safe Neighborhood Grant.**

Referred By: Police Chief Pelko

Captain Groomes was in attendance in place of Chief Pelko. He said they are seeking permission to apply for this grant which is made up of local and federal law enforcement agencies that target high violent crimes. The Department has been awarded money from this grant for the past several years. The deadline to apply is April 18<sup>th</sup>. There is \$145,000 available and the Department usually gets around \$30,000.

**Mr. Schneider moved and Mr. Cerra seconded to recommend an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to submit application for 'said' grant.**

**MOTION MADE**

**COMMITTEE REPORT WRITTEN**

**8. The matter the Cleveland Street Water Main Improvement Project.**

Referred By: Engineer McKillips

*(Chair Stewart recused himself due to a conflict of interest on this matter).*

Engineer McKillips said this is the Cleveland Street water main improvement project. The monies are included in the 2022 budget, for a total not to exceed two million dollars.

The project will replace approximately six thousand feet of old 6 and 8 inch old cast iron pipe with new 12 inch water lines and it will extend from Hawthorne Street to Gulf Rd./E. Bridge St. intersection.

Mr. Cerra asked what the time frame will be?

Engineer McKillips said the goal is to have it started in late summer early fall and to have the project close to completion when they're about ready to get started with the Cleveland Street roadway project.

Mr. Oswald asked if this is the same pipe that they're having a hard time getting because the costs have skyrocketed?

Engineer McKillips said that's why they're here early in the year. Now they're looking at using ductile iron for this specific project. They are looking at the option using the PVC Pipe. If they use the PCV pipe, they'll hold off construction at least until summer/late summer.

Mr. Oswald asked how much cheaper is it?

Engineer McKillips said for example, they got a price about 3 weeks ago for ductile iron and it was \$47-\$48 dollars and the c909 PVC which is the better PVC and it priced at \$26-\$27. She said they already got the okay from Mr. Rothgery and Mr. Kothe to use the c909. Due to supply issues, there is a surcharge for shipping, they're charging per pound.

**Mr. Cerra moved and Mr. Schneider seconded to recommend an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to advertise for bids and award a contract for 'said' project.** *(Chair Stewart recused himself due to a conflict of interest on this matter).*

**MOTION MADE**

**COMMITTEE REPORT WRITTEN**

**9. The matter of a second optional year of the existing Sludge Disposal Contract with Lorain County Landfill.**

Referred By: WWPC Superintendent Korzan

Supt. Korzan said this is for the 2<sup>nd</sup> optional year with Lorain County Landfill. The cost per wet ton will go from \$24.75 to \$25.75 and the 1<sup>st</sup> two years were at a reduced price than what we were paying before so this amount keeps us under than what we were paying in the previous contract.

**Mr. Cerra moved and Mr. Tollett seconded to recommend an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into 'said' existing contract.**

**MOTION MADE**

**COMMITTEE REPORT WRITTEN**

**10. The matter of a Water Supply Revolving Loan Account (WSRLA) agreement/grant through Ohio EPA for chemical feeders and ancillary equipment at Water Pumping Plant.**

Referred By: Water Team Leader Jacob

Team Leader Jacob said this is for a grant or a loan and they've applied in two different places with the EPA. It will pay for chemical feeders and equipment at the plant.

**Mr. Tollett moved and Mr. Schneider seconded to recommend an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to advertise for bids and enter into 'said' agreement.**

**MOTION MADE**

**COMMITTEE REPORT WRITTEN**

**11. The matter of applying for a Grant thru H2Ohio for funds to be used for identifying, inventory and mapping of Lead Service Lines.**

Referred By: Water Team Leader Jacob

Team Leader Jacob said this is something that came available at the end of February, it's for \$50,000 for mapping identification and equipment for their GIS System and to identify lines.

**Mr. Cerra moved and Mr. Schneider seconded to recommend an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to apply for 'said' grant.**

**MOTION MADE**

**COMMITTEE REPORT WRITTEN**

**12. The matter of a new agreement with North Ridgeville for purchase of drinking water.**

Referred By: Water Team Leader Jacob

Team Leader Jacob said this will replace the agreement that was put in place in 2014, which expires this year. They negotiated a new contract and increased the cost of water from 81 cents to 97 cents for 748 gallons. The contract is for a minimum of 400 gallons per year. The City stands to make \$518,000 on the contract.

**Mr. Cerra moved and Mrs. Davis seconded to recommend an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into the 'said' water agreement with N. Ridgeville.**

**MOTION MADE**

**COMMITTEE REPORT WRITTEN**

**13. The matter of a Court Order for transferring of funds to Drug Addition Treatment Program for indigent offenders.**

Referred By: Finance Directors Pileski and Farrell

Finance Dir Pileski said there is a surplus in Muni Court Indigent Drivers Alcoholic Treatment Fund. Because of the surplus, they're in need of money in the Recover Court Fund, which was originally funded with grant money, but now the grant has run out. So they're ordering the Finance Director to transfer \$70,000 from Indigent Drivers Fund to the Muni Court Recovery Fund. Monies have been appropriated.

**Mrs. Davis moved and Mr. Schneider seconded to recommend an ordinance authorizing the Finance Director to transfer 'said' monies.**

**MOTION MADE**

**COMMITTEE REPORT WRITTEN**

**14. The matter of Amendments to the 2022 Permanent Appropriations.[Standing Referral]**

Referred By: Finance Directors Pileski and Farrell

**There were none this evening.**

**Mr. Cerra moved and second by Mr. Schneider to adjourn this evening's Finance Committee Meeting at 8:00 P.M.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

*Respectfully submitted by,*

*Colleen Rosado,  
Council Clerk Secretary/Administrative Assistant*

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