

March 2, 2020

Members present Mr. Daniels, Mr. Schaber, Mr. Meade

With a quorum present, Daniels called the meeting to order at 6:30PM.

Minutes of 02/18/2020:

Schaber made a motion to approve minutes; Meade 2nd; Roll Call: Ayes – Daniels, Schaber, Meade; Nays – none.

Minutes of 02/18/2020 Approved (3-0)

Old Business:

New Business:

Item 1. ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY DIRECTOR TO PREPARE SPECIFICATIONS AND ADVERTIZE FOR BIDS FOR THE PURCHASE AND EQUIPING OF TWO (2) POLICE VEHICLES AND ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH THE LOWEST AND MOST RESPONSIVE BIDDER FOR THE PURCHASE OF 2 EQUIPED VEHICLES FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (SAFETY DIRECTOR)

Mayor explained that three years ago they started on a process of replacing two cruisers each year to keep the fleet current. They will reach out to local dealer, as well as explore state purchasing options for specified make and model. This is a purchase, not a lease.

Schaber made a motion to recommend to council; Meade 2nd; Roll Call: Ayes – Daniels, Schaber, Meade; Nays – none.

Legislation recommended to Council (3-0)

Item 2. ORDINANCE MAKING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS IN THE FORMULA FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2020 (AUDITOR/REGIONAL PLANNING)

Deputy Auditor Watts explained this is for CDBG grant. The funds have been certified by the county auditor. Schaber surmised that a portion of this is for demolition on N. Main Street building. Mayor agreed, but unsure which portion.

Meade made a motion to recommend to council; Schaber 2nd; Roll Call: Ayes – Daniels, Schaber, Meade; Nays – none.

Legislation recommended to Council (3-0)

Item 3. ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATION OF ODPS GRANT MONEY INTO THE SUPPLIES LINE ITEM TO PURCHASE ITEMS FOR USE AT THE MARION FIRE DEPARTMENT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (FIRE)

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Chief Deem explained that for this grant (total \$2,690), they spend and then are reimbursed. They used the funds to buy a “stair chair” (\$5,000 item for \$3,000).

Schaber made a motion to recommend to council; Meade 2nd; Roll Call: Ayes – Daniels, Schaber, Meade; Nays – none.

Legislation recommended to Council (3-0)

Item 4. REQUEST FOR TRANSFER OF FUNDS WITHIN DEPARTMENT APPROPRIATIONS – Police and Transit (AUDITOR)

Deputy Auditor Watts explained that this is a standard procedure that they will go through several times a year to move general funds into Police (\$500,000) and Transit (\$100,000) as they need it. Previous auditor used to have a standard ordinance that allowed them to move it as they needed it without coming back to council. Police and Transit have not requested this and it is not additional money (already within the budget). It is already budgeted for. It is just an administrative action to move funds into the account. Mayor Schertzer emphasized that, while this is slightly different, it is not unusual.

Law Director Russell clarified that this is not a transfer of funds within the department appropriation. They are moving from one fund to another (transfer in and transfer out line items). They will prepare a resolution for this request for the council meeting if approved.

At the request of Daniels, Service Director Chaffin explained how this had historically happened from her time in the Auditor’s Office. Unencumbered funds were returned to the general fund/carryover at the end of the year.

Schaber made a motion to recommend to council; Meade 2nd; Roll Call: Ayes – Daniels, Schaber, Meade; Nays – none.

Legislation recommended to Council (3-0)

Item 5: ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY DIRECTOR TO EXTEND A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS AND THEREAFTER ENTER INTO CONTRACT FOR THE DEMOLITION OF 205 SILVER ST., MARION, OHIO WHICH HAS BEEN DECLARED BY HIM TO BE A DANGEROUS STRUCTURE AND AN IMMINENT THREAT, FURTHER FINDING A REAL AND PRESENT EMERGENCY EXISTS PURSUANT TO ORD 735.051 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Safety Director Caryer explained that they are trying to be proactive. They have to wait 60 days, unless the structure starts to shift. A letter has been sent out, although he believes that it will be undeliverable. They want to be able to do the demolition immediately after the 60th day.

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The City Land Bank (created in 2007) is funding this (not the County Land Bank). Funds are set up as revolving funds and sales of parcels add to that fund. The deceased homeowner continues to be the homeowner, but a lien will be placed upon the house for the cost of demolition (and foreclosure pursued as needed). It is doubtful that there is homeowners insurance in this case, but if so, the city would retain funds until property is cleared.

Meade made a motion to recommend to council; Schaber 2nd; Roll Call: Ayes – Daniels, Schaber, Meade; Nays – none.

Legislation recommended to Council (3-0)

Items Not on the Agenda:

With no further business to come before the Finance Committee, Mr. Daniels adjourned the meeting at 7:06 PM.

Chairman Daniels

Clerk of Council