

NORWALK CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES

February 28, 2017
7:30 p.m.

Municipal Court
Norwalk, Ohio

WORK SESSION

Council President Steve Euton called the meeting to order. The following Council members were present: Steve Euton, Chris Mushett, Chris Castle, Steve Schumm, Dave Wallace, Deb Lucal and Samantha Wilhelm. Kelly Beck was absent.

Finance Director Diane Eschen, Safety Service Director Dan Wendt, and Public Works Director Josh Snyder were also in attendance.

Item No.17-024

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF NOTES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$300,000, IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING COSTS OF REHABILITATING CITY WATER TOWERS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mrs. Eschen said that in 2016 the City issued notes in the amount of \$650,000 for the painting and rehabilitation of two water towers. She said the notes mature on April 26, 2017. She said the City plans to pay \$350,000 in principal and finance the remaining \$300,000 for another year with the intention to pay it off in two years.

Mr. Euton clarified that the dollars associated with this are generated through water rates. Mrs. Eschen confirmed.

Council members agreed to place this item on the agenda.

Item No. 17-025

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE 2017 ANNUAL BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 2016-045 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mrs. Eschen explained the supplemental. She said that hopefully as the funds are collected the City would be reimbursed for court fees from the collection of delinquent taxes.

Mr. Mushett asked if this money is strictly to pay the filing fees. Mrs. Eschen said yes, that and garnishment fees if necessary.

Council members agreed to place this item on the agenda.

Item No. 17-026

A RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER FUNDS APPROPRIATED IN THE 2017 ANNUAL BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 2016-045

Mrs. Eschen said this accounts for one half of the budgeted subsidies that were included in the 2017 budget.

Mr. Wallace asked why the funds are being transferred from the General Fund to the Park and Recreation Fund. Mrs. Eschen explained that the subsidies were included in the 2017 budget and this transfer amounts to half of the budgeted amount.

Council members agreed to place this item on the agenda.

Item No. 17-027

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2015-055 TO PROVIDE FOR THE COMPENSATION FOR THE WATER PROTECTION TECHNICIAN

Mr. Snyder said they are proposing a new position at the Water Plant. He said this position replaces two former positions, a part-time Backfill Coordinator and a full-time Lab Technician. He said the position would include covering lab shifts, backflow inspections, work in the watershed, and being an expert in algal blooms.

Mr. Mushett asked if they will be hiring from within. Mr. Snyder said the intent is to hire from within if possible.

Mr. Wallace asked how many employees are currently with the department. Mr. Wendt said the Water and Waste Water Treatment plants together have 18 full-time and two part-time employees according to the organizational chart.

Mrs. Lucal asked how long before the position will be filled. Mr. Snyder explained that it has to go through the Civil Service process.

Mr. Wendt discussed algal blooms and the threat to surface water in relation to the importance of this position.

Mr. Euton asked how this position will affect the 2017 budget. Mrs. Eschen said the budget reflected replacing the full-time Lab Technician. Mr. Snyder said the pay scales of the two positions are comparable.

Mr. Wallace asked if the Water Department is maintaining the same amount of employees or adding one. Mr. Snyder said they are maintaining the same amount.

Council members agreed to place this item on the agenda.


Mr. Wallace said that there is a possible trip to the shooting range in London, Ohio planned for Monday, March 6, 2017.

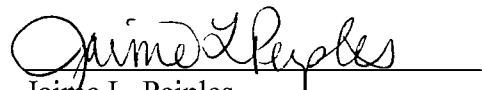
Chris Castle discussed the accurate measuring of noise and decibel levels. He asked that the decibel levels are measured from exactly 201 feet from the outside of the range walls.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mr. Euton said that March 7, 2017 will be the next regular session.

ADJOURNMENT There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.


Christopher Mushett
President Pro Tempore


Jaime L. Peiples
Clerk