

MINUTES
CITY & SAFETY SERVICES COMMITTEE
AUGUST 28, 2023
7:00 p.m.

Members in Attendance:

Micah McCarey, Chair
Sarah Grace, Member
Sam Crowl, Member
Alan Swank, Member

Administrators and
Other Elected Officials:

President Knisely
Mayor Patterson
Service-Safety Director Stone

ITEMS DISCUSSED:

- Disposal of Police Department Firearms and Ammunition
 - S-S Director – this is standard operation – these are confiscated weapons that will be traded in for City credit for APD needs
 - McCarey – asked about estimate on trade-in value
 - S-S Director – there is no appraised value, if City gets even \$15,000 that would be great
 - McCarey – asked about selection of vendor
 - S-S Director – City has used Vince's Outdoor in the past
 - McCarey – asked if it is possible that the City could get a greater trade-in value with another vendor, or if we are under contract with this vendor
 - S-S Director – no particular restriction – will check with APD about contact made with any other vendors
 - Swank – asked the last time the Police Department disposed of this type of equipment
 - Mayor – about 2017 – Vance's was used at that time, as it is recognized by many law enforcement agencies
 - Swank – mentioned a company in Burton, Ohio that deals with vintage guns, which might be a possible resource, and will appraise at no cost
 - Spjeldnes – need to get the most value for the guns that we have
- Dairy Lane (Le-Ax customer agreement)
 - S-S Director – many years ago with the annexation of The Ridges property there were several customers along Dairy Lane that were already being served by the

Le-Ax Water District – pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code, rural water districts have the right to continue to serve their customers unless there is an agreement with the City to compensate the rural water district (customer base is how they pay off their asset debt) – City is working with a Le-Ax representative, and have come up with \$178,000 as a fair cost to release these customers based on the average water bill, with typical increases, projected over the next 30 years – will need an appropriation and authorization to enter into an agreement to release all of the customers, and all future customers, on Dairy Lane – this is all in line with the City upgrading the water line on Dairy Lane to provide fire protection to that area – this project is under contract

-Crowl – asked about an earlier discussion of a customer swap

-S-S Director – based on current rates, a swap would more than double the water bill for current City customers transferring to Le-Ax, and there would still be a cost for the switch, and with the waterline construction, and the quality of the line currently in the ground it just didn't seem to make sense – added, swapping may make sense with future developments

-Swank – based on the cost, questioned whether this is a wise investment

-S-S Director – he feels comfortable with the cost

ITEMS NEEDED ON AN UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL AGENDA:

1. Disposal of Firearms
2. Le-Ax Customers

FINANCE & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE
MINUTES: August 28, 2023
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Members in Attendance:

Sam Crawl, Chair
Jeff Risner, Member
Solveig Spjeldnes, Member
Ben Ziff, Member

Administrators and/or
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ITEMS DISCUSSED:

- Appropriations
 - (\$10,000) to General Fund, Law Director, professional service line, for new flooring installation
 - (\$14,000) to General Fund, Police, personnel line, for medical expenses
 - (\$81,000) to General Fund, personnel line, for a retention grant and retirement payout
 - S-S Director – City has been awarded State ARPA funds for grant
 - (\$1,500) to Cemetery Fund, supplies and services line, for administrative fees
 - (\$100) to Cemetery Fund, personnel line, for life insurance
 - (\$10,000) to DUI Court Fund, personnel line, for a grant
 - Risner – asked for detail on grant
 - Crawl – will request additional information from Clerk of Courts Tonya Dye

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1. Appropriations

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

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TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE:

- Uptown Improvements, Project #329 (LPA agreement & construction)
 - S-S Director – explained these are bicycle and pedestrian/streetscape improvements similar to those on Union Street – ready to move forward on construction – a Transportation Alternative grant, approximately \$1.1 million, was received – the City's cost share will be a similar amount and will come from the Street Rehabilitation Fund – the scope of this project will be on Washington, State and Mill Streets from Congress, and the crosswalk at Court and Union to upgrade accessibility
 - Mayor – to make something truly accessible for all abilities at the Court/Union Street intersection is being explored – interested in using a stamped concrete product – because of the historic brick street there may be differences of opinion between State Historic Preservation and ADA regulations
 - Swank – questioned whether the utility lines would be buried
 - Mayor – the complexity of the lines on West State Street may make burying the lines cost prohibitive, though it may be possible on Washington
 - S-S Director – agrees it may be successful on Washington, still waiting on a price from AEP – when you bury lines you must have transmission boxes on the ground, plus the business owners are required to pay the cost of burying their lines – one possibility being explored is, under the PUCO there is now a buried line tariff for AEP – may be able to add the charges onto the utility bills of the property owners over a long period of time instead of fronting the cost
 - Swank – asked if the Council could have a cost estimate before the final reading of this legislation
 - S-S Director – will push the issue with AEP

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1. LPA
2. Construction – Project #329