

Finance Committee
Monday, February 25th, 2019
5:30 p.m., Multi-Purpose Room

In attendance: John Coyne-Chairman, Jim Shields, Paul Rose, Bill Lamb, Dennie Simpson, Eric Heffinger, and Bob Starcher

Also present: Mayor Hanwell, Greg Huber, Keith Dirham, Patrick Patton, Nino Piccoli, Jansen Wehrley, Jonathan Mendel, Dan Gladish, Mike Wright, Chief Kinney, Darin Zaremba, Judge Werner, Bill Hutson, Sean McConnel, Ron Ross, Bob Finnan and Kevin McManus

1. Assignment of Requests for Council Action
2. 19-035-2/25 – Budget Amendments

#2019-008 – Proposed Fitness Room Addition Funding

Mr. Simpson moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Rose. Motion Passes 6-1. Jim Shields abstained.

3. 19-038-2/25 – Fitness Room Addition Project Approval

Mike Wright presented a slide show showing the proposed addition. Mike stated the fitness room was made to extend. The funding they are putting in place is \$800,000 the estimate they had which is going to be updated was about \$626,000. Mike spoke about Bob Arnold being the construction manager at about \$40,000.00. All city funded and CarryForward funds from the MCRC 574.

Bob Arnold spoke of the underground sewer line that the building would extend over and his engineers are aware of it and will make sure the trench and stuff around that will not be impacted by the building. Mr. Coyne questioned the roof and having water issues. Mike stated Dan Gladish and Patrick Patton had same concerns with ice buildup. Bob Arnold stated he will take another look at it. Mr. Simpson moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Rose. Motion Passes 6-1. Jim Shields abstained.

4. 19-039-2/25 – Expenditure Over \$15,000 – MNJ Tech. – MCRC

Mr. Wright thanked Darin Zaremba for working on this quote for the MCRC. Mike stated this is for their new computers. Mr. Shields moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Motion Passes 7-0

5. 19-040-2/25 – Update Electronic Device Policy/Adopt Social Media Policy

Mayor Hanwell stated they realized under the Ohio Public Records Policy that text messaging and social media if we are using it to either answer questions or get input from the public, we are required to archive that and so we had to find a company that was willing to do that for us. We need to amend adding a Section 4.2 for text messaging, and Section 4.3 for social media posts. Mr. Shields moved to add in sections 4.2 and 4.3 to the Electronic Device Policy, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Motion Passes 7-0

6. 19-041-2/25 – Expenditure – Software Solutions – Finance Dept.

Mr. Dirham stated this is their annual maintenance for their software vendor. Keith stated they

won't look for a new in state vendor until they need an upgrade. Mr. Shields moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Motion Passes 7-0

7. 19-042-2/25 – Trade in of three (3) Police Vehicles

Chief Kinney is requesting a trade in for credit on the next RCA for purchase of five cruisers. Emergency clause is needed due to the delay from the cancellation of last year's order. Mr. Rose asked if we would get more money auctioning the vehicles instead of trading them in and Chief Kinney replied no. Mr. Shields moved to approve with the emergency, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Motion Passes 7-0

8. 19-043-2/25 – Purchase five (5) Police Cruisers – Lebanon Ford

Chief Kinney stated Ford threw them a curve ball last year, they had an order put in and it was approved they have an open P.O. for \$58,004 for the two vehicles and they cancelled the order and said they no longer were producing the 2019's and that essentially forced us in to waiting for the 2020. They did give us a \$2,000 credit each for the two that were cancelled for the inconvenience. Mr. Shields moved to approve with the emergency, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Motion Passes 7-0

9. 19-044-2/25 – Then & Now - Lexipol

Mr. Shields moved to approve with the emergency, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Motion Passes 7-0

10. 19-045-2/25 – Then & Now - Ohio State Highway Patrol

Keith stated this is for LEADS, the Police Department uses it for information and is a year-end issue and that's why the emergency clause is needed. Mr. Shields moved to approve with the emergency, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Motion Passes 7-0

11. 19-046-2/25 – Then & Now – Verizon

Monthly cell phone bill that we didn't have a P.O. for at the end of the year. Mr. Shields moved to approve with the emergency, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Motion Passes 7-0

12. 19-047-2/25 – Then & Now – Ohio Edison

Mr. Shields moved to approve with the emergency, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Motion Passes 7-0

Discussion of Court Project with Bill Hutson and Judge Werner

Mr. Coyne stated they received an email regarding a bond issue. John stated he had a discussion with the Mayor and he thinks they are in the same area where they were before with Judge Chase about \$7 to \$8 million total all in city contribution.

Mr. Coyne stated it still puts us about 31,000 sq. ft. which is bigger than we anticipated and the question is the cost. Mr. Rose stated whatever fits \$8 million because that is our limit.

Mayor Hanwell mentioned they did ask them to cut it down because it originally was 41,000 sq. ft. John asked if there is a way they can get to that \$8 million dollar number, he feels a 27,000 sq. ft. building for between 7 and 8 million and if they could get to that combined, he feels it would be more cost effective because they would be sharing space. So if they are sharing some hallway space and meeting space he would imagine that the 27,000 sq. ft. as Mr. Patton indicated, would bring them down to about a 20,000 sq. ft. building and then with the shared

space. Mr. Coyne feels that would get them down to a number that should work. The second point Mr. Coyne had is he has been talking to several people since it hit the paper and he didn't have anybody that was favorable to tearing down the building.

Mr. Lamb stated he shared some concerns with the Mayor. Bill questioned who did the drawing. Mayor Hanwell replied Brandstetter Carrol provided the drawings. Bill stated after this hit the paper he received a lot of feedback on the design and the placement of the buildings. Bill spoke of how the recent courthouse came about. Bill feels they are the guardians of the past, that is what they have a responsibility to do, and that is the reason they have been successful as a community.

Bill questioned what kind of architecture it is, and was told it has no architectural style and asked two different architect firms how they would describe it and both stated the view was oppressive and looks heavy. Bill's other concern is the prosecutor's office, it is the last remaining house on the face of the Historic District. No one wants that house tore down, it was built in 1872.

Mr. Hudson stated what they have in front of them is not the drawing. The next phase of this is where they would actually engage in architect to design the building and that is where the more public involvement will take place. \$50,000 so far has been spent. Mr. Hudson stated they are not to the point of actually designing the building all they wanted to do is to figure out how many square feet they need and what it's going to cost to see if they can even afford to go to the next step. Bill stated the press came to them and made a records request to get this information and that is why these drawings were released to the public.

Mr. Simpson stated he appreciated Mr. Hudson attending tonight. Dennie feels where Mr. Coyne started the conversation is where he is at. He understands that this is just a concept and when they get to the point where they figure out the funding and actually hire an architect to design he hopes that the county is willing to get the public's input. Right now the concept he is looking at is spending \$11 million dollars verses \$8 million dollars, he is grateful that the county is willing to actually look at incorporating the muni court in this complex. Dennie hopes we can talk about the \$8 million and still have shared space and give the judge more space than he has now and meet his needs for the future. Dennie hopes they can find common ground where they can incorporate the city's muni court with your budget.

Mr. Coyne questioned the design or the space needs of the various courts and clerk of courts for the county and us if there were discussions made to come up with those numbers or space as far as like the county clerk of courts. Is there anything in the law that says you have to have separate spaces for each clerk or can they have two clerks in one space? Bill Hudson doesn't know but guesses that you would have to have a clerk of courts for each court but there are some areas that are shared.

Mr. Lamb stated that the footprint does include tearing down the back of the old courthouse which is part of the original courthouse and taking down the prosecutor's office and bringing the footprint right up to the sidewalk so it seems like you'd want to make these decisions fairly early on before you spend more money on a plan that you're going to redo.

Mr. Coyne stated he assumes that what Bill Lamb is referring to is that the CDC and the Historic Preservation Board will be involved before the footprint and tearing down buildings is decided.

Mayor Hanwell stated for the benefit of those watching the video and the press that is here, he wants to correct a statement that what's there is working, it is not working. It is unsafe for the people in the county courthouse right now every day. It does not follow any of the Supreme Court guidelines, and what we are doing next door is equally unsafe and ill designed. Through no fault of our own, the building has to be substantially different from what we have next door and what we have existing on the square just because of the requirements. Mayor Hanwell went on to state the county is looking to accept RFP's from a variety of companies and to award a contract to start moving forward to the next phases. He asked council if they want to continue down this path or pull back. John stated they were never at \$11 million and as long as they all understand that we are in at \$8 million.

Judge Werner stated this is why you start off with a small group at the planning table. This is the starting line. It took \$50,000 and a group of a dozen or so people from the community to get together once a month for x months and go through deliberations of this to get this far. Bill says correctly that these aren't final choices, but they had to choose something so that they could talk about a project. Functionality matters more to him than the appearance, not to say that the appearance doesn't matter, but he is ready to defer 100% on what this building looks like on the outside and to defer to the people for whom those things are truly important and sensitive. This project has been stewing for over 20 years. Sooner or later someone has to make a decision. This building is about this county 50 years from now. It is our responsibility not only to preserve what we have, but to prepare for them.

Mr. Coyne stated they need to design something with the numbers they are comfortable with.

Judge Werner stated the only thing that is going to change if we do nothing is the price.

13. Executive Session: (Land Acquisition)

It was moved by Mr. Shields and seconded by Mr. Simpson to enter into Executive Session at 7:22 p.m. to include the Mayor and Mr. Hutson to consider the purchase of property for public purposes or the sale of property at competitive bidding because premature disclosure would give an unfair competitive or bargaining advantage to a person who's personal, private interest is adverse to the general public interest. The roll was called and motion passed by the yeas and nays of B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, B. Starcher, J. Coyne and E. Heffinger.

There being no further business the Finance Committee meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

John M. Coyne, Chairman