



City of Pataskala *Legislative Report to Council*

Legislative Report

July 6, 2020 Council Meeting

Unfinished Business

A. Ordinances

➤ Ordinance 2020-4368 - Supplemental Appropriation – 2nd Reading

There are two items that have been identified which require additional appropriation authority from Council. The first is the result of mediation on the Fannin & Deagle legal matter, and the second is due to greater than-budgeted pay rates, longevity pay and an additional pay period in 2020. Complete details are listed by section below. **We are respectfully requesting that Council hold the 2nd reading of the ordinance at the July 6th meeting. It is anticipated that this legislation will go through all three readings, with approval requested at the 3rd reading. Nothing in the legislation has changed since its last reading.**

- *Section 1: Fannin & Deagle Litigation Settlement* – The city recently participated in mediation with representatives of Fannin & Deagle (F&D) to arrive at an equitable resolution of the litigation initiated by F&D. Among other agreed-to items, the settlement called for a cash payment of \$50,000 to F&D. As there is no appropriation for this in the 2020 budget, the budget must be amended to reflect this expenditure from the General fund. **We are requesting an increase in approved appropriations of \$50,000 in order to cover the mediation settlement payment to F&D.**
- *Sections 2-6: Increased Wage and Pension Costs* – The city entered into collective bargaining agreements with the FOP, OPBA and USW for 2020 which gave wage rate increases that are greater than the 3% included in the budget as adopted. The Police unions were granted a 6% increase in 2020, and the USW/non-union (e.g. pay matrix) employees were granted a 4% rate increase in 2020. The financial impact to the 2020 budget for the higher than budgeted increase in pay rates is approximately \$66,400.

In addition, due to the timing of the payroll schedule, 2020 contains 27 biweekly payroll payments instead of the typical 26. This is a somewhat uncommon occurrence, happening only every 11 years. Please note that salaried employees do not receive additional compensation in 2020, as they were given the option to

either receive their salary over the 27 pay periods, or to take a no-pay payroll at the end of the year.

In addition to the wage rate and 27-pay year issues, employees are now being granted longevity pay starting in 2020. For all employees, the financial impact to the budget is approximately \$37,000. **In total, we are requesting an increase in approved appropriations of \$216,100 in order to cover the estimated costs of the wage adjustments.**

New Business

A. Ordinances

B. Resolutions

➤ **RESOLUTION 2020-022 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH COLUMBUS HEATING AND VENTILATING COMPANY TO PURCHASE AND HAVE INSTALLED AN AIR CONDITIONING SYSTEM FOR THE STERLING THEATER**

The City has long desired to complete an air conditioning installation project for the Sterling Theater, located on the top floor of the Old Town Hall, located at 430 South Main Street. In order to complete this project, the City pursued external funding sources.

The Ohio Facilities Construction Commission (OFCC) notified the City that we have been awarded a cultural project grant in an amount not to exceed \$200,000 for the purpose of installing air conditioning in the Sterling Theater. This is a reimbursement grant. The City will pay approved invoices and then submit those payments to the OFCC for reimbursement.

Columbus Heating and Ventilating has presented a quote of \$195,000 to purchase and install the air conditioning unit and all necessary accessories. The project is expected to have a 3 week lead time followed by a 6 week construction period.

Approval of Resolution 2020-022 is recommended.

➤ **RESOLUTION 2020-046 - A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH HULL AND ASSOCIATES INC. FOR DESIGN SERVICES RELATED TO THE JEFFERSON STREET WATERLINE PROJECT**

The water main lines along Jefferson Street and Depot Street are cast iron mains that were installed in the 1930's. These water lines fail on a regular basis due to their age. The water line on Depot Street also comes to a dead end near Race Street.

The Utility Department would like to replace the water lines in this area with larger, plastic water lines. Along with this, the water line on Depot should be connected to the water line on Race Street to eliminate the dead end and create another loop in the Old Town distribution system. The Utility Department would like to conduct the design for this in order to have a project that is "shovel ready" to submit to OPWC in the hopes of receiving funding assistance.

An RFP was advertised for interested firms to conduct the design of this project. The Utility Department received 8 proposals. After evaluating the proposals, it was decided that the proposal from Hull and Associates was the best for the City. The proposal

from Hull was for \$27,950 for the design services related to the Jefferson Street Waterline Project.

Approval of Resolution 2020-046 is recommended.