Finance & Judiciary Committee Meeting
MINUTES
January 26, 2010
6:00 p.m.

Members: Ben Kessler, Chair, Richard Sharp, Rick Weber

Roll Call: All Present.

Others Present: Mayor Brennan, Lou Chodosh, Beecher Hale, Bill Harvey, Matt Lampke, Mark Masser, President McClelland, Jed Morison, Mike Price, Chief Rinehart and Gary Qualmann.

Review of Minutes: January 12, 2010 – **Approved with changes.**

Presentation and/or Special Guests: Mr. Harvey addressed the Finance Committee regarding update on 2010 street projects. He said he is currently planning on going ahead with the 3 million dollar project which would repair approximately 8 or 9 streets. He asked how much information Council needs to know regarding these projects. The 1.2 million is to fix the City's normal 4 streets. Mr. Qualmann said the 1.6 million that has been spent reflects through the current date. Mr. Kessler stated he is not in favor of furthering the debt service at this time.

Mr. Harvey stated the cost of repairing one street is approximately $150,000 per street. Mr. Morison stated that the additional 3 million for this year was part of the original plan for improvements. He said the rates are decent at this time and he is in favor of borrowing the 3 million in order to complete additional streets and staying the course. Mr. Masser said that he agreed with Mr. Morison. Mr. Weber stated he was also in agreement. Mayor Brennan stated he is in favor of continuing the street projects because there were 16 or 18 streets that had been previously rated as bad/poor condition that were inherited from the previous administration.

Mr. Qualmann said there is the $862,000 that was originally projected to cover the street work. The 2 million that is being carried over to finish last year's projects plus the 3 million request for additional projects. Mr. Sharp said the streets are one of the first items people check when considering a move to Bexley. He is also in favor of fixing the streets this year. Mr. Morison added that any delay will be costly to the City in the long run. Mr. Kessler stated that both he and Matt Lampke were hesitant to approve additional funding.

Ordinances & Resolutions –

Third Readings.
None.

Second Readings.

Ordinance 03-10 to reduce the appropriation for the Auditor's office by $12,423.00, to reduce the appropriation in the City Garage by $5,000.00, to reduce the appropriation in the Parks Department by $5,000.00, to reduce the appropriation in the Building Department by $5,000.00 and to reduce the appropriation in Recreation Administration by $2,740.00 to reflect reductions in the salaries and wages for those departments, introduced by Mr. Kessler, (Introduced on January 12, 2010) **No Action**

Ordinance 04-10 an Ordinance to establish the rate of pay for the Senior Programs Coordinator at $51,171.00 per year effective January 1, 2010, introduced by Mr. Kessler, (Introduced on January 12, 2010) **No Action**

Amended Ordinance 05-10 to appropriate $11,730.00 from the Recreation Fund to the Recreation Administration Department to reflect additional salaries and wages necessary to make the Recreation Secretary a full-time position and to eliminate the part-time position, introduced by Mr. Kessler, (Introduced on January 12, 2010) Recommended
Finance Committee voted in favor 3-0

First Readings.

Ordinance 06-10 to establish the rate of pay for the Part Time Police Communications Technology Officer at $25.75 per hour, introduced by Mr. Kessler, (Introduced on January 26, 2010)

Mr. Hale said this position was new in 2009 and it was not added to the 3% increase. He confirmed this amount is in the budget. **Vote was 3-0 in favor.**

Resolutions

Resolution 18-09 to request the Auditor of Franklin County, Ohio to make advance payment to the City of Bexley of monies held for its account in the County Treasury, introduced by Mr. Kessler, third reading, (Introduced on December 15, 2009) **No Action**

Resolution 01-10 to remove Ms. Fran Lesser and appoint Robyn Jones as a member of the Charter Review Commission, introduced by Mr. Kessler, second reading, (Introduced on January 12, 2010) **No Action**

New Business: Mr. Langner stated he received a request from One Dawson concerning a request for tax abatement. After further review of the request, Mr. Langner stated that there would be repercussions from this potential change. Mr. Langner stated that the Bexley City School Board is concerned about this potential change in tax abatement. Mayor Brennan said he is arranging a meeting with school officials to discuss this

information further. Mr. Kessler suggested that everyone gather their thoughts on this matter for future discussion.

Old Business: None

Adjourned 6:55 p.m.