

MINUTES OF A MEETING
BROOKLYN FINANCE COMMITTEE

March 26, 2018

6:15 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ron Van Kirk
Barb Paulitzky
Kathy Pucci

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

Chairman Van Kirk called the meeting to order.

The Committee addressed the following Agenda items and recommended to Council:

-Ord. #2018-17, the ground lease with Enerlogics is still in abeyance. The Sustainability Comm. meets on March 28th, then will come to the Agenda docket for April 9. Councilwoman Pucci asked if the questions the Comm. had could be sent to Council.

-Ord. #2018-27, is for the upgrade to the e-mail system by Bailey Communications for \$37,587.50. MOTION by Pucci, second by Van Kirk to recommend Council adopt. VOTE RESULTED: Yes: Van Kirk, Paulitzky, Pucci.

-Ord. #2018-31, authorizes a contract with Software Solutions for software system and support for the VIP system for 4/1/18 to 3/31/19. It's on 2nd Reading, but is requested to be adopted. MOTION by Pucci, second by Van Kirk to recommend Council adopt. VOTE RESULTED: Yes: Van Kirk, Paulitzky, Pucci.

-Ord. #2018-33, authorize an agreement for the sale and purchase of vacant Land Bank property on Shady Lane for \$100 and other good, valuable consideration. 2nd READING

-Ord. #2018-34, authorizes the Mayor to enter into a Job Retention and Creation Grant Agreement with Hopebridge, LLC. 2nd READING

-Ord. #2018-36, is for a contract for natural gas for our city buildings. Dir. Schaeffer said we will be inserting that it will be IGS, Inc. as the supplier, for 36 months, at 3.34 cents. Scott Rafferty, our broker informed the market is an at all time low and this is a good deal. He also said in 2020 there will be an increase, as other countries are requesting natural gas from the US, and more companies are building. MOTION by Van Kirk, second by Paulitzky to recommend Council adopt by emergency. VOTE RESULTED: Yes: Van Kirk, Paulitzky, Pucci.

-Ord. #2018-37, is to ratify our Updated Statement of Investment Policy. Dir. Schaeffer said our current policy is from 1999, and this will bring it in line with the ORC. He is also talking with Key Bank and working on our investment accounts and portfolio. Responded to a question that we will shop the broker, and seek the best investment and return. Councilwoman Pucci asked and received additional clarifications from Dir. Schaeffer on several points. 1st READING

-Ord. #2018-38, amends sections of our Income Tax Code to bring in compliance with recent State Municipal Income Tax legislation. Dir. Butler said this is in the Court of Appeals. There will be an effective clause (on effective date of State law) if it is found Constitutional. After brief discussion, he asked that it be adopted at the next Council mtg. 1st READING

-Ord. #2018-39, is updates to compensation for various non-bargaining positions. Mayor Gallagher explained it's mostly bumping up minimum wages; and taking Auxiliary Firefighters high end from \$13.085/hr to \$24/hr (for competitive wages and to retain); increasing high end of pt-time Service to \$15/hr, and added a range to Economic Dev. Dir. and Magistrate. Councilwoman Pucci asked if the rate for Aux. Firefighters was a good number, and Mayor Gallagher replied that former Chief Zemek researched, and they were in the high teens to low \$20s. 1st READING

Mayor Gallagher spoke about the Parma Regional Dispatch Center (PRDC). She and Chief Mielke met with them, and the bad news is they will move wages up on dispatchers. There was a presentation, and they want to charge municipalities on the call volume only. Brooklyn would be \$470,148/year based on call volume. So the wages and formula would be \$481,000, then add more money for supervisors, and more to add another dispatcher, and on and on. The big scheme would be \$750,000 for Brooklyn, and that doesn't include capital. She and the Chief are running numbers, maybe see if we should go to the other dispatch center (Chagrin Valley), or bring it back to Brooklyn. There's a lot to think about. –She also reported that 42 persons took the Fire Fighter exam.

There being no further business, MOTION by Van Kirk, second by Pucci to adjourn. VOTE: Yes: Van Kirk, Paulitzky, Pucci.

Meeting adjourned. _____ Secretary