

City of Gahanna

*200 South Hamilton Road
Gahanna, Ohio 43230*



Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 27, 2014

Immediately Following Finance Committee

Law Library

Development & Parks

Stephen A. Renner, Chair

*Ryan P. Jolley
Michael Schnetzer*

Kimberly McWilliams, CMC, Clerk of Council

ROLL CALL:

Present 3 - Stephen A. Renner, Ryan P. Jolley, and Michael Schnetzer

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES:

Tony Collins, Anthony Jones, Mayor Stinchcomb, Joann Bury, Clerk McWilliams

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ISSUES - From Director of Parks & Recreation**1. Century Equipment Inc. Service Agreement**

Collins stated this first item is requesting an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into agreement with Century Equipment for yearly maintenance of golf carts used at the golf course in the amount of \$3,952.02; 6th year of contract; happy with it; fleet garage likes this as well.

RECOMMENDATION: 1st reading, no need to come back, consent agenda.

2. Century Equipment Inc. Lease Agreement

Collins stated this is a lease agreement with Century Equipment for 5 additional golf carts; we currently own 26 carts; business has been so good that additional carts have been needed to continue to increase success; provided business case in reports as to why we went instead of purchasing and why we need them at all.

Schnetzer asked for the average useful life of a golf cart. Collins stated we have exceeded it; typically 3 or 4 years; we are at 5 years on these carts and they continue to do well; in capital needs assessment, there is a replacement program for the carts; proud of how long we've kept them and how much money we have made from them.

RECOMMENDATION: 1st reading, no need to come back, consent agenda.

ISSUES - From Council

1. Park's Conference Costs

Renner stated in receiving the purchase order report, noted \$3,000 opened for a conference; asked Collins to speak to this conference and its value to the City; also think we should highlight when we present to conferences.

Collins stated he did reach out to Renner to clarify what information he was looking for; could really speak to the value of professional development and Ohio Parks and Recreation Association (OPRA); was past president of OPRA; currently still heavily involved and believe in who they are and what they provide; regarding the transfer, current financial situation is such that all training funds for entire City go into one into one account in Human Resources; prepare for year by putting together spreadsheet; present that to Mayor and Human Resources for review; they compare it to other departments to ensure fairness and value to the City; first quarter has been approved; once approved, we open purchase order but that amount must be transferred to our department. Mayor added that Council will see transfers throughout the year; this the second year of this central fund. Collins continued by stating that we have a number of employees going to this conference; it is the best return on dollar for training; it is local; get a lot of discounts because people volunteer; Collins gets to go for free because he is the conference chair; cost is low and they get charged back to specific program centers; this year we did submit for training; required to submit per diem amount; down to \$2,300; most meals are provided; \$380 per staff person; most are paying \$147 because they volunteered; to cut down on lodging costs, they all share a room; 6 attending including Collins; Recreation Superintendent, Recreation Specialist, Parks Superintendent, Deputy Director, Director and Public Information Person is; there is so much information to be gained; is a good investment; provided highlighted session listing to show some sessions staff will be attending; we go to conferences to learn about current trends and best practices, collaborate and communicate; there will be some national speakers this year; great caliber of training for the dollar; OPRA is recognized as one of the best professional development organizations for parks and recreation in the country; located in Sandusky at Kalahari; is a fraction of the cost versus having it in Columbus.

Jayme D. Maxwell, CMC, Reporting