

Cuyahoga Falls City Council
Minutes of the Public & Industrial Improvements Committee

February 2, 2020

Members: Mary Nichols Rhodes
Frank Stams
Jeff Iula

Ms. Nichols-Rhodes called the meeting to order at 6:50 p.m. All members were present.

The minutes of the November 18, 2019, December 2, 2019 and January 6, 2020 Public & Industrial Improvements Committee were approved as written.

Legislation Discussed:

Temp. Ord. A-7

Discussion:

Temp. Ord. A-7

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract or contracts, according to law, for the annual resurfacing and/or repair of various streets as described in Exhibit 'A' attached hereto, in the City of Cuyahoga Falls, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Tony Demasi, Engineer, presented Temporary Ordinance A-7. The Director of Public Service will be authorized to enter into a contract or contracts, according to law, for the resurfacing and/or repair of various streets as described in Exhibit 'A', in the City of Cuyahoga Falls. The Director of Finance will be authorized and directed to make payment for same from the Capital Projects Fund, line item Capital Outlay.

Ms. Nichols-Rhodes stated that each street or segment of a street is rated on 10 different criteria and then a composite score is compiled. This list had the highest need. The amount of money the City has appropriated for street repair is tremendous. It started out, for 12 years, having \$1.5 million every year. It was then increased to \$2 million; then \$2.25 million. This year, \$2.75 million has been dedicated to street resurfacing.

Mr. Stams stated that he looks forward to discussing the methods Mr. Demasi mentioned on improving the streets, because the biggest issue that he hears from the constituents of Ward 8 is the condition of the roads. Mr. Stams asked, given the current price of oil, if there was any consideration of going out two or three years for pricing. Mr. Demasi stated that they have a program where, when they open the bids, they look at what the placing index was the month prior to when the program is bid, and then look at the actual days that they place the asphalt on the ground and compare that, at that time, with the placing index. If that placing index is more or less than 5 or 10 percent of what it was when bid, they correct the price for the contractor. In some years, they have actually given the contractor back money, and, in some years, the contractor has given back money to the City. There's a protection there for both the contractor and the City.

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Mr. Iula stated that he has been on the Public Improvements Committee the last five years. It is great that, each year, the City keeps improving more and spending more money. The City is not just hitting Portage Trail and State Road, but Pauline Court and Miller Court. Ms. Penta said that she is extremely happy to see that 23rd Street in front of the Western Reserve Hospital is being paved. She is glad to see that specific block in that area is on there to help the hospital, because it is close to the emergency room. Mr. James stated that the City is doing a great job getting these streets back to where they should be. He asked Mr. Demasi if there may be some wiggle room where some other streets may be able to be done. He has requested that Owaisa Road, which is a main road that a lot of people use going into and out of River Estates, be put up front as a road that could possibly be added to the list. Mr. Demasi stated that Owaisa Road has been rated as poor. This year, they are paving roads that are rated failed and very poor. Mr. Reilly stated that Pauline Court is in his ward on the east side of the City. He thanked Mr. Demasi and stated that he would like to have Seattle Street considered if they are able to add to the paving list.

Leslie Frank, 49 Orville Avenue, stated that her street was redone this year, and she wanted to thank the City for that. Last year, she was driving somewhere at night and saw the Street Department patching holes, so they don't interfere with the day-to-day traffic. She stated that she thought that was a great idea. Mayor Walters stated that the Street Department does work around the clock in the wintertime, Monday through Friday, three shifts. If it's not snowing, they are patching potholes 24 hours a day.

Mr. Iula moved to bring out Temp. Ord. A-7 with a favorable recommendation, second by Mr. Stams. Motion passed (3-0).

The meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m.