

**Cuyahoga Falls City Council  
Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting  
March 21, 2011**

**Members:** Kathy Hummel, Chair  
Don Walters  
Carol Klinger

Mrs. Hummel called the meeting to order at 7:23 p.m. All members were present.

The minutes from the March 7, 2011 Finance committee meeting were approved as submitted.

**Legislation Discussed:**

Temp. Ord. B-29

Temp. Ord. B-33

**Discussion**

**Temp. Ord. B-29**

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into an energy purchase agreement known as the "EcoSmart Choice Program," with American Municipal Power, Inc., and declaring an emergency.

Mrs. Carr stated a few years ago, they had Nature's Energy Program. This is a shift from Nature's Energy to the EcoSmart Choice Program.

Becky McCleary from AMP stated that EcoSmart Choice Program is an optional green pricing program offered by AMP. It supports renewable energy development. Residential customers can offset 100% of electric usage at a cost of one-half cent per KW. Commercial customers can offset through the purchase of blocks. One block is 1,000 KW for \$5 per block. Mrs. Hummel asked how many residential customers and commercial customers participated in the program that exists now. Jeff McHugh believed it was around 250 residential and 2 commercial. Ms. McCleary stated that customers can opt in and opt out month to month. The hope is that they can promote this and help customers understand what it is and to get involved. It is a nice option.

Mrs. Klinger moved to bring out B-29 with a favorable recommendation, second by Mr. Walters. Motion passed (3-0).

**Temp. Ord. B-33**

An ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a collective bargaining agreement with Local 399 of the Utility Workers' Union of America, AFL-CIO, effective January 1, 2011, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Janis stated the City and union arrived at a tentative agreement and was asking for Council's approval. In answer to a question raised during executive session, the Delta expenditures for the second half of the year are \$21,112. Mrs. Hummel stated the other part of that question was whether it was budgeted for 2011. Mrs. Carr stated it was not but they have savings due to full-time salary on the superintendent they have not yet replaced.

Mrs. Klinger moved to bring out B-33 with a favorable recommendation, second by Mr. Walters. Motion passed (3-0).

The Committee meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.