

**Cuyahoga Falls City Council
Minutes of the Finance & Appropriations Committee**

March 21, 2016

Members: Carol Klinger, Chair
Russ Iona
Michael Brillhart

Mrs. Klinger called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. All members were present.

Legislation Discussed:

Temp. Ord. A-22

Temp. Ord. A-26

Discussion:

Temp. Ord. A-22

An ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract or contracts, according to law, for the lease and/or purchase of 22 mobile data terminals for use by the Fire Department, and declaring an emergency.

Mrs. Klinger stated that this is to replace computer systems in Fire Department vehicles that have outdated Microsoft software in order to be compliant with HIPAA. Mrs. Klinger asked Mr. Jackson if this will update all the vehicles in the Fire Department's fleet. Mr. Jackson said yes. This replaces all 22 vehicle-mounted computers the Fire Department owns. They need to be an ULTRA-recognized computer that will survive very heavy-duty vehicles that travel. These computer systems allow the Fire Department to perform their tasks appropriately and accurately. Mrs. Klinger stated that these computer systems come with a three-year service agreement and will be compatible with the upgraded dispatch system. Mr. Jackson stated that they have been working very closely with the Stow Fire Department, for five years, in moving toward this direction. Everything being done between the two departments is with identical systems. Mrs. Klinger stated that this was discussed at the budget hearings and budgeted.

Mr. Iona asked how long these systems would last. Mr. Jackson stated that they are a little out of date by the time they arrive, but, in reality, it is anticipated they would last at least four years, if not as much as ten. The predominant factor for there being such a wide range is it is not known what changes in software or Federal requirements will be in the future. The current computers being replaced are first-generation ones, so this would only be the second time computers have been installed in vehicles. Mr. Iona stated that the City has gotten their money's worth.

Mr. Iona moved to bring out Temp. Ord. A-22 with a favorable recommendation, second by Mr. Brillhart. Motion passed (3-0).

Temp. Ord. A-26

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract or contracts, according to law, for the purchase of major equipment need to replace substation #5, and declaring an emergency.

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Mr. Troxell stated that this is the purchase of major equipment for Substation 5. That Substation was built in 1963. It is being upgraded. This upgrade has been budgeted, and it came in under budget.

Mrs. Klinger stated that this is a multi-year project. She asked Mr. Troxell if it would be completed this year. Mr. Troxell stated that it would not be completed this year, but, hopefully, by the end of next year. Construction will begin when the temperature starts dropping in the fall, and then is dependent on the weather during the winter. If the winter is a mild one, it could speed the process up.

Mrs. Klinger stated that it is her understanding the contractor is finishing up all the plans. Mr. Troxell stated that that is correct. The contractor is actually working on finalizing the plans now. Mrs. Klinger stated that the reason the upgrade is not done in the summer is because they can't power line off the load in the summertime. She stated the engineering work for some of this project was done last year. Mr. Troxell stated that was how it was known what major equipment needed to be ordered. They are now requesting approval to go ahead and purchase it. Mrs. Klinger stated that the last upgrade lasted 50 years, and it is expected that this one will also last 50 years.

Mr. Iona moved to bring out Temp. Ord. A-26 with a favorable recommendation, second by Mr. Brillhart. Motion passed (3-0).

The meeting adjourned at 6:41 p.m.