

Cuyahoga Falls City Council
Minutes of the Public & Industrial Improvements Committee Meeting
March 4, 2013

Members: Carrie Snyder, Chair
Mark Ihasz
Mary Ellen Pyke

Mrs. Snyder called the meeting to order at 7:28 p.m. All members were present.

The minutes from the February 19, 2013 Committee meeting were approved as submitted.

Legislation Discussed

Temp. Ord. B-12

Temp. Ord. B-13

Discussion

Temp. Ord. B-12

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract or contracts, according to law, for the repair, resurfacing and/or reconstruction of various streets in the City of Cuyahoga Falls and declaring an emergency.

Mrs. Carr stated she hoped Council had a chance to review her February 22 letter. All streets are evaluated through the Engineering Department. Sometimes awards go to different streets depending on how they were evaluated. They plan to have Tallmadge Road repaved this year. They try to take advantage of every grant opportunity available. They have not always been successful because other projects have scored higher than the City's projects. Mr. Demasi is always looking for new funds. The City will be paying only 20% of the Tallmadge Road project. The other part is resurfacing. This year, they will be doing chip and seal streets. Those have been out of the loop because the method was not great. However, last year, they worked successfully with a company in a pilot program. It can only be done on special streets but it will help stretch the budget. Also, the Street Department has the ability to do some repaving. She pointed out the number of streets on the list for this year has increased over last year.

Mr. Demasi stated this is the annual ordinance to allow the City to repave streets. They will be using mill and fill, the Street Department will be paving some roads, and they will be using chip and seal on low volume roads. They will begin bidding on March 24 and will open the bids on April 9. The proposed streets are listed on the exhibit. He cautioned that the ability to get all of the streets done will depend on oil prices, which have trended downward over the past eight months. There are five more streets on the list this year than last year. Mrs. Pyke asked if the chip and seal was for open-ditch streets. Mr. Demasi stated they are open to curb streets. Mrs. Pyke asked for a breakdown of the percentage for each vs. the budget. Mr. Walters was glad to see Johnson on the list. He asked if it would be done in two phases. Mr. Demasi stated he was hoping it would be done in two phases but it may need to be done in three. Last year, they did some approaches so those would not be replaced. Otherwise, they will do the entire road, curbs and drive approaches. They will be doing Oakwood to Elmwood this year if the bids come in right. The total cost is less than \$400,000 for this year, which is 45% to 46% of the total project. Mr. Mader commented that the chip and seal process was used near Woodridge. The new process made all the difference in the world.

Mrs. Carr added they are proud that the City is able to get more streets done than in the past. Especially when a lot of communities are not paving at all. Other service directors are amazed that Cuyahoga Falls can still pave streets.

Mrs. Pyke moved to bring out Temp. Ord. B-12 with a favorable recommendation, second by Mr. Ihasz. Motion passed (3-0).

Temp. Ord. B-13

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract or contracts, according to law, for the construction of an 8” water main in Maitland Avenue between State Road and 26th Street, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Demasi stated this is being done to improve water pressure in the area. The City will install an 8” water main that will be connected to existing water lines on the side streets and the two lines on State Road to improve flow. The project has been bid and will be awarded next week. They received ten bids, which were opened Wednesday. It will take 60 days to complete the project. There will be a preconstruction meeting about four weeks from awarding the contract. He anticipates a start date around May. Mrs. Carr added that the bids came in below budget. She is hoping other projects will come in below budget. Mrs. Pyke asked about Chestnut. Mr. Demasi stated the plans are complete and they are anticipating going to bid in about three weeks.

Mr. Ihasz moved to bring out Temp. Ord. B-13 with a favorable recommendation, second by Mrs. Pyke. Motion passed (3-0).

Other Business

Mr. Rubino stated that during the budget session, he had asked about the size of the brine well cavern. There had been some discussion that the City was not sure of the size but that there could be a test done to determine the size and where it was located. Mrs. Carr stated it was called an echo test. They have received a quote and will be proceeding with that because they need to know the size and dimension. Once they have those results, they will share them with Council. Mr. Rubino stated that well has been there for 40 years and has probably increased in size. He asked Mr. Christopher if he had any idea how deep it was. Mr. Christopher stated they have drawn down as far as 2,000 feet. Mr. Rubino asked, if the results show it is quite large, will it matter where it has grown to. He also wondered whether the City had mineral rights on where it is. Mrs. Carr stated where the well is currently located is all within City property. The echo test will help determine the size. They want to do this because of the age of the well. It could be fine for another 10 to 15 years but they want to take precautions just in case and maybe have a second well drilled. It is important for water treatment and snow maintenance. Mr. Christopher added he will check on the cost of brine for water and will send Council an email. Mr. Rubino asked if the City sold brine to anyone else. Mrs. Carr replied they did not. They have allowed some to use it to pilot their own program but have not done a study or design. They want to make sure the City has it for its own uses.

Meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.