

Cuyahoga Falls City Council
Minutes of the Community Development Committee Meeting
April 15, 2013

Members: Paul Colavecchio, Chair
Carrie Snyder
Jeff Iula

Mr. Colavecchio called the meeting to order at 6:41 p.m. All members were present.

The minutes from the November 19, 2012 Committee meeting were approved as submitted.

Legislation Considered

Temp. Ord. B-24

Discussion:

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An ordinance authorizing the Director of Community Development to apply for and accept a grant from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources to conduct an urban tree canopy assessment, making an appropriation therefor, and declaring an emergency.

Mrs. Truby stated that last year, the City applied for a \$14,000 grant which has been approved. This will create an urban tree assessment. It will pay for a consultant who will do digital imagery on where trees are, tree planting and reforestation, and storm water management issues. It will be in statistical format with major emphasis on storm water management. It will be a nice tool that all departments can use. All money will come from the grant and the project must be used before the end of the year. This is the first time for this grant.

Mr. Colavecchio commented that Stow received this grant for \$15,000 and asked what the basis was for awarding the amounts. Mrs. Truby stated the City asked for \$26,000. The government puts money into a pot and then divides it up. This grant is the second piece. The City was also requesting additional trees to be planted but that was not granted. This assessment will determine where future trees should be planted. Mrs. Carr stated this is an important tool for the City. There needs to be an analysis of invasive species because of the effect on ash trees. They will do an inventory which will help the City with future planning. Also, the storm water plan looks at erosion. Kelsey Creek will have more trees planted to help with erosion, as well as other areas that need to be looked at. They will look at other grants but those grants ask whether the City has a tree canopy survey and the City has had to say it did not. This assessment will open more doors. Mrs. Pyke thought it seemed like a lot of work for \$14,000. Mrs. Truby stated the City will hire a consultant and has to bid it out. She felt the work could be done for \$14,000.

Mrs. Snyder moved to bring out B-24 with a favorable recommendation, second by Mr. Iula. Motion passed (3-0).

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.