

**Cuyahoga Falls City Council
Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting
April 18, 2011**

Members: Kathy Hummel, Chair
Don Walters
Carol Klinger

Mrs. Hummel called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. All members were present.

The minutes from the April 4, 2011 and April 11, 2011 Finance committee meetings were approved as submitted.

Legislation Discussed:

Temp. Ord. B-41

Temp. Ord. B-42

Discussion

Temp. Ord. B-41

An ordinance enacting new Section 933.122 of Title 5, Part 9 of the Codified Ordinances, relating to rates for renewable energy, and declaring an emergency.

Mrs. Carr stated this is the companion ordinance to the one passed earlier by Council regarding the EcoSmart program. This provides the cost point on billing. Ms. McCleary stated this is part of the American Municipal Power EcoSmart Price Program. Customers can offset 100% of their usage. The cost is \$.05 to \$.07 per kWh. At an additional \$.05, the cost would be \$3.75 for 750 kwh, which is the average monthly usage. Both residential and commercial customers will be able to participate at a specific cost which will be posted in Utility Billing and on the City's website. A customer would have 30 days' notice of any change in pricing and can choose to opt out if they desire. Clean energy pricing programs rely on RECs to offset energy usage, and the City can reduce its carbon footprint for future purchase. Mrs. Hummel asked how many customers were currently in the program. Ms. McCleary stated there were approximately 250.

Mrs. Klinger moved to bring out B-41 with a favorable recommendation, second by Mr. Walters. Motion passed (3-0).

Temp. Ord. B-42

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract or contracts, according to law, for the purchase of a trailer-mounted valve maintenance and vacuum system, and declaring an emergency.

Mrs. Carr stated this is to purchase the specified equipment for the Water, Sewer and Stormwater Divisions. It was inadvertently left out of the annual requirements ordinance. They are dividing the cost of the equipment among the three departments, which made it appear to fall under \$25,000, however, the total cost of the equipment is more so they needed to bring it back to Council as a separate piece. The equipment was budgeted and the actual cost is less than the budgeted amount. Mrs. Klinger asked if this equipment was available on the state bid. Mrs. Carr stated it was not. They checked three separate places--the state, Texas and CUE. Mrs. Hummel confirmed that the total cost was \$54,000 to be split between the three departments. Mrs. Carr stated it was.

Mr. Walters moved to bring out B-42 with a favorable recommendation, second by Mrs. Klinger. Motion passed (3-0).

The Committee meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.