## **CUYAHOGA FALLS CITY COUNCIL**

## Minutes of the Public Improvements Committee Meeting

April 7, 2014

Call to Order The meeting was called to order by Mr. Iula, Chair, at

6:50 p.m. A quorum was present.

Approval of the Minutes Without objection, the minutes of the February

18, 2014 Committee meeting were approved.

Agenda Items

Temp. Ord. A-29

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Safety to enter into a contract or contracts, according to law, for the annual resurfacing and/or repair of various streets as described in Exhibit "A" attached hereto, in the City of Cuyahoga Falls, and declaring an emergency.

Proponent testimony was offered by the City Engineer Tony Demasi. The ordinance will allow the City to resurface various streets as needed, including repaving and Chip & Seal. The bidding process will begin on April 20, and the City plans on opening bids on May 6. The streets proposed to be paved are listed on the exhibit, but the actual extent of paving will be dependent on the bids received, which is in turn dependent on the price of oil.

The Chair asked whether the list could be expanded if the bid prices are better than expected. Mr. Demasi stated this is possible. The Chair mentioned Saxe and Lynn and the street in between these two streets as possible additions. The Chair asked whether anything can be done about the condition of Graham Road under construction. Mr. Damasi stated that the cities of Stow and Cuyahoga Falls are working with Kenmore Construction to keep the road passable during construction.

The Chair recognized Mr. Mader, who asked if the general poor condition of the streets would be

addressed on a city-wide basis. Mr. Demasi stated that the street department has been working three shifts until April 7 and if they weren't plowing snow, they were filling pot holes.

The Chair recognized Mrs. Snyder, who asked when work would begin. Mr. Demasi stated that work will actually start most likely in June.

The Chair recognized Mr. Rubino, who asked if the committee would consider amending the ordinance to add Saxe to the list of streets.

The Chair recognized Mrs. Pyke, who asked why 14th Street is separated into two project segments on the list, when the entirety of it from Broad to Portage Trail will be repaved. Mr. Demasi stated that 14th Street is listed twice because the two segments have different widths. Mrs. Pyke stated that because of such distinctions, the list does not really represent the repaying of 23 streets. Mr. Demasi stated the list represents the repaying of 23 street segments. Mrs. Pyke stated that she is in favor of adding Saxe to the list. However, Lancaster appears to be in need of infrastructure improvements and should not be repayed until the infrastructure has been replaced. Mr. Demasi stated that he has not received a request from the Water Dept. to replace any infrastructure in Lancaster. Replacement of the water line in Lancaster would delay paving for 2 years. Mrs. Pyke stated it would be unwise to pave Lancaster only to excavate it again shortly thereafter in order to replace the water line. Mrs. Pyke asked for a report from the Water Dept. on the condition of water lines on Lancaster and Lynn Drive. Mrs. Pyke asked why Main Street from Howe to the southern corp. line was on the list. Mr. Demasi stated that Main Street is an important arterial street with high traffic. Mrs. Pyke asked Mr. Demasi to reassess whether Main Street should be repayed this year. Mrs. Pyke asked why Hunter Parkway is on the list. Mr. Demasi stated that the exhibit incorrectly shows the termination of the

project at the bridge, when it should state the termination of the project is at the east side of the Dales subdivision. Mr. Demasi stated that he can make a correction to the list. Mrs. Pyke stated that Myrtle Ave. Bailey to High should be paved an additional block to Cook to pave all of the section with curbs. Mrs. Pyke asked if the City could add 17th street from Broad to Sackett, 6th between Grant and Horace, and 14th between Chestnut and Grant. Mrs. Pyke asked the cost of the street rebuild on Johnson. Mr. Demasi stated the estimate is \$288,000. Mrs. Pyke what the price would be if it was simply a repaving. Mr. Demasi estimated it would be \$70,000. Mrs. Pyke asked if it is wise to build streets using concrete, since rebuild of concrete streets costs so much more than repaying asphalt. Mr. Demasi stated that he can build streets in concrete or asphalt. It is impossible to know whether one product is more cost effective than the other in the long term. Mr. Demasi stated that the streets mentioned by Mrs. Pyke would be reconsidered, but other than the possible addition of Saxe, any addition of new streets would require removal of other streets in order to stay within budget.

The Chair recognized Mr. Weinhardt, who asked how the streets are selected for addition to the list. Mr. Demasi stated that the streets are rated and sorted on a variety of condition factors.

The Chair recognized Mr. Rubino, who asked if it is possible to add Saxe to the list. Mr. Demasi stated Saxe is a very small street and it will depend on the price of oil when the project is bid.

There was no opponent testimony. There was no public comment.

Motion by Mrs. Snyder to release Temp. Ord. A-29 with a favorable recommendation. Seconded by Mr. Mader. Motion adopted by acclamation.

Non-Agenda Items

None.

## Adjournment

Without objection, Chairman Iula adjourned the meeting at 7:14 p.m.

Jeff/Iula,/Chair

Paul A. Janis, Clerk of Council