

Cuyahoga Falls City Council
Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting
May 11, 2009

Members: Don Walters, Chair
Debbie Ritzinger
Carol Klinger

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

Legislation Considered

Temp. Ord. B-43

Temp. Ord. B-44

Discussion:

Temp. Ord. B-43

An ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract or contracts according to law for the purchase of a stryker power pro stretcher, and declaring an emergency.

Chief Moledor stated they were looking to purchase a Stryker Pro Series cot. It moves up and down which saves people's backs. They currently have five stair chairs which they do not use. They asked the companies who have these cots whether they would be interested in trading them in and applying that against the cost of the cot. Two companies did not want to do that. This company was willing to give \$2,000 for each stair chair so the City needs to pay only \$2,439. The company has buyers for the stair chairs. He added that the City had the stair chairs because they came with the ambulances. They have since changed the specs. Mr. Walters asked if the City had any cots of this type of now. Chief Moledor stated they currently have three so this would be the fourth. Mr. Walters asked if it was the XT model. Chief Moledor stated he believed it was. Mr. Walters stated that the trade-in was a great thing, and it is good they found someone who would take the chairs. This cot will be minimal cost after the trade-in and that is a good deal for the City. Mr. Barnhart asked if they considered offering the stair chairs to other communities. Chief Moledor indicated that most already have them so that wasn't really an option. They thought about selling them on Ebay but there are already a lot out there. If they do not do a deal like this now, in 20 years, those chairs will not be worth anything.

Committee recommended bringing out Temp. Ord. B-43.

Temp. Ord. B-44

An ordinance authorizing payment of the moral claim of Walter Detweiler as approved by the Claims Commission, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Brodzinski stated that Mr. Detweiler came to the Moral Claims Commission. The Commission determined the problem was due to a sewer blockage in the main. Mr. Detweiler did not have insurance coverage for it. As had been decided in the past, the Commission divided the claim in half and approved it for that amount. Mr. Walters felt that was fair. The City usually pays the deductible when residents have insurance. This area was not known to be a problem area so the resident did not know to carry the insurance. Mrs. Pyke asked whether employees who answer flood calls are telling customers about Moral Claims. Mrs. Carr stated they are instructed to do so only if the customer asks. Mrs. Pyke asked if there was some information that could be given to residents so they are not left with the impression that the City will pay for everything. Mrs. Carr stated she would come up with something. Mrs. Pyke asked if it was

determined whether this blockage was due to leaves in the sewer. Mrs. Carr was not sure. Mrs. Pyke stated this was one block from an area where there is a problem. She asked how much stimulus money the City had for the area. Mr. Demasi stated there was \$200,000 for 12th and Chestnut; \$200,000 for 10th and Phelps and \$1.4 million for Purdue. Purdue would be done next year and the other two this year. Mr. Demasi stated he met with EPA last week and was told that the Purdue project would need to be under contract by January 31, 2010. It is not budgeted this year but they could look at selling it this year and contract it by January.

Committee recommended bringing out Temp. Ord. B-44.

Meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m.