

Cuyahoga Falls City Council
Minutes of the Finance and Appropriations Committee Meeting

June 6, 2016

Members: Carol Klinger, Chair
Russ Iona
Mike Brillhart

Mrs. Klinger called the meeting to order at 6:57 p.m. All members were present.

The minutes from the May 2, 2016 and May 16, 2016 meetings were approved as written.

Legislation Discussed

Temp. Res. A-43
Temp. Res. A-46
Temp. Res. A-47

Discussion

Temp. Res. A-43

A resolution authorizing the Director of Public Service to apply for and accept financial assistance in the form of a grant or loan from the Ohio Public Works Commission for replacement of a 6" water main in Highland Avenue, and declaring an emergency.

Mrs. Klinger stated that this is the first of three resolutions presented tonight, so there are some things that will be discussed in this first resolution that will apply to all three resolutions. The application for these are due on July 8th. If the money is awarded, the City will have two years to spend the money. It was anticipated that this project will cost \$400,000. It's a 50-50 match. The final recommendations from the Technical Committee should be received by mid-November.

Mr. Brillhart moved to bring out Temp. Res. A-43 with a favorable recommendation, second by Mr. Iona. Motion passed (3-0).

Temp. Res. A-46

A resolution authorizing the Director of Public Service to apply for and accept financial assistance in the form of a grant or loan from the Ohio Public Works Commission for replacement of a 500,000 gallon elevated water tank, and declaring an emergency.

Mrs. Klinger stated that this resolution was in the budget for 2016, to the tune of \$500,000. It is estimated for this project to cost between \$1.4 million and \$1.5 million. Again, this is a 50-50 match, and, basically, everything stated about the previous resolution applies to this resolution.

Ms. Nichols-Rhodes asked Mr. Tony Demasi, City Engineer, that since this is Oak Park, if it is known, time-wise, when this all might happen. Mr. Demasi stated that, as Mrs. Klinger stated previously, if the funding is received, it would be available July 1st of next year. The City then has two years to complete the project under the funding program. If the funding is not received, it will be decided if the project will still be done and then program it at some time in the future.

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Ms. Nichols-Rhodes asked how often these tanks are replaced and how much interruption of service will occur in the neighborhood. Mr. Demasi stated that this tank was built in 1926, so it is 90 years old. They do last a fairly long time and don't get replaced very often. As far as interruption of service in the area, they actually tested that scenario. They turned off the supply of water to the tank and from the tank and did various measurements of pressures and volumes in that district, and found there was minimal disturbance to that system. So, when the project and the actual changeover occurs, there will be very minimal disturbance to the residents out there.

Mr. Iona moved to bring out Temp. Res. A-46 with a favorable recommendation, second by Mr. Brillhart. Motion passed (3-0).

Temp Res. A-47

A resolution authorizing the Director of Public Service to apply for and accept financial assistance in the form of a grant or loan from the Ohio Public Works Commission for replacement of a 10" sanitary sewer in 18th Street, and declaring an emergency.

Mrs. Klinger stated that this is 18th Street between Ohio Avenue and Phelps Avenue. It's a \$400,000 project. The stipulations stated on the two previous resolutions also apply to this resolution.

Mr. Brillhart asked when this project would be completed. Mrs. Klinger stated that it has the same timeline as the previous resolutions. The money will be granted in 2017 and the City has two years to complete the project. Mr. Pallotta asked Mr. Demasi if there was going to be any interruption of service while this project is being completed. Mr. Demasi stated that while the sanitary sewer line is being replaced, the residents in that area will experience no disturbance in their sewer service. Mrs. Pyke asked Mr. Demasi if the replacement of this 10" pipe was an upgrade of the sanitary sewer line or does the pipe need to be replaced. Mr. Demasi said that the pipe is bad. There have been sinkholes. He stated that John Christopher, Water Department Superintendent, was present and could attest to the fact that there have been several breaks in the line over the years and it is due to be replaced. Mrs. Pyke asked Mr. Demasi if it was his opinion that this sewer will last another two or three years if they have to hold off until this grant comes. Mr. Demasi stated that it will last and they will keep making repairs as needed.

Mr. Brillhart moved to bring out Temp. Res. A-47 with a favorable recommendation, second by Mr. Iona. Motion passed (3-0).

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.