

**Cuyahoga Falls City Council
Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting
July 15, 2013**

Members: Carol Klinger, Chair
Jerry James
Vince Rubino

Mrs. Klinger called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m. Mr. James was absent.

The minutes from the July 1, 2013 Committee meeting were approved as submitted.

Legislation Discussed:

Sub. Temp. Ord. B-46 (dated 7-15-13)

Temp. Ord. B-47

Temp. Ord. B-48

Temp. Ord. B-49

Temp. Ord. B-53

Discussion

Sub. Temp. Ord. B-46 (dated 7-15-13)

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract without competitive bidding with Siemens Industry, Inc. for the purchase of a distribution feeder automation system for use by the Electric Department, and declaring an emergency.

Mike Daugherty stated this system would be installed on two of the City's feeders. They are larger feeders. This is being done for purposes of reliability and also conservation which will provide savings to the City and its customers. It is budgeted in the 23kv upgrade project. Savings projected on use and cost of power is \$73,580 per year by the City and the rest by customers. Mrs. Klinger asked why this was being done without bidding. Mr. Daugherty stated they looked at competitive products but specifically wanted this new state-of-the-art system. The City called the company's existing customers and they were pleased. It is also compatible with other equipment the City has. Mrs. Klinger wondered, with the savings that was calculated, why the City wasn't doing all of the lines. Mr. Daugherty stated they want to do all the lines eventually. The current system has some 23kv, some 12.5 kv, and some 4160 volt, which must first be changed to 12.5kv. He added there is a one-year warranty on this system.

Mr. Rubino moved to bring out Sub. Temp. Ord. B-46 (dated 7-15-13) with a favorable recommendation, second by Mrs. Klinger. Motion passed (2-0).

Temp. Ord. B-47

An ordinance providing for the issuance and sale of \$7,600,000 principal amount of notes, in anticipation of the issuance of bonds, for the purpose of revitalizing the State Road Redevelopment Area by acquiring, clearing and improving certain properties in that area, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Brodzinski stated that at the end of 2012, there was \$8.6 million left on the notes. They are paying down \$1 million which means the City will be borrowing \$7.6 million. Mrs. Klinger stated this was exactly what was planned during budget. Mr. Brodzinski agreed.

Mr. Rubino moved to bring out Temp. Ord. B-47 with a favorable recommendation, second by Mrs. Klinger. Motion passed (2-0).

Temp. Ord. B-48

An ordinance accepting applications submitted by financial institutions and designating depositories for the active and interim funds of the City of Cuyahoga Falls for the five-year period beginning August 23, 2013 and ending August 22, 2018, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Brodzinski stated this is a requirement per the Ohio Revised Code that the City request submittals for depository agreements for banks located in the City. The City sent out seven requests and received five responses. He added that obviously, if a bank has a phenomenal rate, he will come back to Council with another piece of legislation.

Mr. Rubino moved to bring out Temp. Ord. B-48 with a favorable recommendation, second by Mrs. Klinger. Motion passed (2-0).

Temp. Ord. B-49

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract without competitive bidding with Bell Equipment Company for the purchase of a used “Epoke” salt spreader for use by the Street Department, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Novak stated he was requesting what he is paying out of capital equipment for this year. Earlier this year, Council passed legislation for a one ton dump truck and skid steer totaling \$100,000. He wants to buy an Epoke instead for just under \$100,000. The City demoed the unit this past winter. It is the most modern unit Epoke makes and is able to do high speed anti-icing. The company is selling the unit at the 2011 state bid price less an additional \$5,000. It is a replacement unit. The unit being replaced is smaller and for a single axel truck. They will keep it for parts or as a spare unit. Mrs. Klinger stated that since Council previously approved the other purchase, what guarantees were there that the money will not be spent. Nothing is mentioned in the legislation. Mr. Brodzinski stated that they won’t spend it. That situation is covered by the appropriations. Mr. Colavecchio asked what the purchase price was. Mr. Novak did not have the exact number with him but believed the number was around \$97,900. Mr. Colavecchio asked about the unit’s life expectancy. Mr. Novak stated it was a demonstration unit and is a 2012. The City is the only municipality that used it in a truck. The company took the unit to different cities to have materials run through it. He felt the City should be able to get at least 12 to 15 years out of it with periodic replacement of some of the wear items. The unit is a \$5,000 savings off the state bid cost. It also has a full one-year warranty even though it has been a demo unit. Mrs. Carr stated that they love demo units. If there are any bugs, they catch them. They have a good relationship with Epoke. The City has the largest fleet in the state.

Mr. Rubino moved to bring out Temp. Ord. B-49 with a favorable recommendation, second by Mrs. Klinger. Motion passed (2-0).

Temp. Ord. B-53

An ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a settlement agreement in the case of *Marcine Grispin v. City of Cuyahoga Falls*, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Janis asked for favorable consideration from Council based on the presentation made in tonight’s closed session.

Mr. Rubino moved to bring out Temp. Ord. B-53 with a favorable recommendation, second by Mrs. Klinger. Motion passed (2-0).

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.