

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

Members: Kathy Hummel, Chair
Don Walters
Carol Klinger

Mrs. Hummel called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. All members were present.

The minutes from the July 5, 2011 Committee meeting were approved as submitted.

Legislation Discussed:

Temp. Ord. B-72

Discussion

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An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to issue an encroachment permit to the Judith Loving Trust for the purpose of installing and operating a private sanitary force main sewer in Quick Road, and declaring an emergency.

Mrs. Hummel stated the Administration requested that B-72 be held. She asked whether it would be discussed at a later date. Mr. Demasi stated it could be discussed in September.

Free Water Discussion

Mrs. Hummel stated there was a discussion planned for this evening regarding the free water to public and private schools, the Cuyahoga Falls Library and to City facilities. Council had been given a report by Mrs. Carr dated July 8, 2011. Mrs. Carr stated the Cuyahoga Falls school system and Library were both represented this evening. The City's earlier estimates were close to the actual rates and they will continue to read the meters. Meters have been installed on all of the schools and also the City facilities. Mrs. Hummel commented that there was a total cost per year of \$32,700 for schools and \$33,500 for City Facilities, which is about \$66,000 in what is being termed as free water. She and Mrs. Carr spoke earlier and are in agreement that the residents should not be subsidizing for those facilities to sprinkle lawns. The money is not significant but it could be. She stated if everyone was in agreement, the City would charge for sprinklers for schools and public facilities. She asked if there would need to be an amendment to the legislation. She reminded everyone that the Administration had requested a three-year increase and Council amended the legislation to a one-year increase. Mrs. Carr stated that the City's water usage is down right now. The Water Dept. is doing what it can to watch costs but she feels this may need to be discussed at budget time. Mrs. Hummel stated the library is no longer paying or being billed, which is acceptable. She encouraged the schools and library to come up with a means of conservation, and she encouraged Council to review these accounts on an annual basis. Mrs. Pyke asked whether the amount for the pavilion at Falls River Square included the interactive water fountain. Mrs. Carr wasn't sure and stated the fountain may not have a meter. She will check and let Council know. Mrs. Hummel indicated Mr. Janis will draw up language to address the sprinkler matters. She appreciated everyone's indulgence. This subject was discussed at great length earlier in the year, and it was important to get a handle on how much was out there as far as free water.

The Committee meeting adjourned at 6:44 p.m.