

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

September 19, 2016

Members: Carol Klinger, Chair
Russ Iona
Mike Brillhart

Mrs. Klinger called the meeting to order at 8:12 p.m. Mr. Brillhart was absent.

Legislation Discussed

Temp. Ord. A-66

Temp. Ord. A-67

Temp. Ord. A-68

Temp. Ord. A-69

Discussion:

Temp. Ord. A-66

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to execute a modification of Contract No. 7267 with Rotary Lift for the purchase of one R70C rotary lift including installation, and declaring an emergency.

Mrs. Klinger stated that this is the big lift in the shop that was discussed back in budgets and approved in a previous ordinance. When they went to install the new lift, they ran into some issues in the field. One was a giant rock in the back of the lift. They spent an entire day jackhammering it out with a backhoe and a jackhammer. There was also what they thought was a stable situation in the back of the pit. What they thought was a concrete wall was actually a cement-block wall where salt had deteriorated that wall. Two tiers of the block had to be replaced and filled with concrete. This work was done in July, so this ordinance is a modification of the contract that was previously approved. There was more than enough money in the budget to cover this entire scope of work. Mrs. Klinger asked Mr. Don Williams, Motor Vehicle Maintenance Supervisor, if that was correct. Mr. Williams stated that everything Mrs. Klinger stated was correct, and, even with the additional work that had to be done, they have \$93,000 in the lift fund that hasn't been used. Mrs. Klinger stated that was because of the money saved on the lift. Mr. Williams stated that savings can be attributed to Mrs. Klinger. He stated that he wanted to thank everyone. This will probably be his last time to address Council, as he will be leaving at the end of October. He stated that he has enjoyed his 46-year career with the City. Mrs. Klinger congratulated Mr. Williams.

Mr. Iona moved to bring out Temp. Ord. A-66 with a favorable recommendation, second by Mrs. Klinger. Motion passed (2-0).

Temp. Ord. A-67

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Finance to enter into a contract and/or contracts without competitive bidding with the Auditor of State of Ohio for statutory auditing services, and declaring an emergency.

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Mrs. Klinger stated that she and Mr. Brian Hoffman, Finance Director, had discussed this ordinance, as well. They do not control the amount of time that the State Auditor spends on the City's audit. The State Auditors literally got into the weeds, like a good accountant would, but maybe went a little overboard. This is to cover the additional hours they spent on the audit. There were staffing issues this year, and the City may be looking to take this outside of the State next year. Mr. Hoffman stated that was correct. He actually received an e-mail today stating that the State Auditor wants them to go to an independent auditing firm next year. They will start that process shortly. Mr. Iona stated that the audit was far more detailed than he could have imagined. He looks forward to it being done with somebody besides the State, as they are especially picky on everything. He stated that Mr. Hoffman did great job.

Mr. Iona moved to bring out Temp. Ord. A-67 with a favorable recommendation, second by Mrs. Klinger. Motion passed (2-0).

Temp. Ord. A-68

An ordinance providing for the issuance and sale of Bonds in the maximum aggregate principal amount of \$8,000,000 for the purpose of paying the costs of refunding Bonds previously issued, in part, by the City for the purpose of (I) refunding at a lower interest cost certain of the City's outstanding various purpose improvement Bonds, series 1998, which were issued to pay costs of improving the recreational facilities in the City by constructing the Water Works Family Aquatic Center, improving the municipal waterworks system in the high pressure water district, and constructing sanitary sewer lines, and (II) paying costs of constructing a community recreation center and acquiring real estate and interests in real estate therefor, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Hoffman stated that this is an ordinance based on market conditions and not unlike refinancing a mortgage. There is no new money being taken out here. The only thing they are doing is taking bonds at a higher interest rate and refinancing them to take advantage of lower interest rates in the market. The estimated savings is projected to be \$30,000 a year, but is based on the market, so they won't know the exact savings until they price these bonds. Mrs. Klinger stated that that includes the re-issuance and costs, as well.

Mr. Iona moved to bring out Temp. Ord. A-68 with a favorable recommendation, second by Mrs. Klinger. Motion passed (2-0).

Temp. Ord. A-69

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract or contracts, according to law, for the construction work needed to replace Substation #5, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Michael Dougherty, Electric Department Superintendent, stated that this ordinance is for the last part of the project that was budgeted for this year. They have already purchased major equipment for the project and have done some of the major demolition on the sites. This would

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be for the construction work to complete the substation rebuild. Mrs. Klinger stated that the bid has already been opened, and they already know who the lowest bidder is. Mr. Dougherty stated that was correct, and that the lowest bidder is Didato Electric at \$930,385. He requested a 10-percent contingency along with this that will still keep them under budget by approximately \$300,000. Mrs. Klinger stated that they were planning their outside work before Christmas and would be doing the inside work in the winter, and that the load would be moved over in March. Mr. Dougherty stated that was correct. Mrs. Klinger stated that Substation 5 is located behind the Electric Building.

Mr. Iona moved to bring out Temp. Ord. A-69 with a favorable recommendation, second by Mrs. Klinger. Motion passed (2-0).

The meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.