

Cuyahoga Falls City Council
Minutes of the Public Improvements Committee Meeting
September 20, 2010

Members: Don Walters, Chair
Mark Ihasz
Terry Mader

Mr. Walters called the meeting to order at 6:53 p.m. All members were present.

Legislation Discussed

Temp. Ord. A-112
Temp. Ord. A-113
Temp. Ord. A-114

Discussion

Temp. Ord. A-112

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a modification of Contract No. 6561 with Perrin Asphalt Co., Inc. and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Demasi stated that the Water Department has experienced a lot of water main breaks. They would like to get the permanent patches completed this year. The contract they entered into with Perrin was for \$124,000. To date, a little over \$87,000 has been spent. They have a growing list so they have approximately \$34,000 in projected locations. In addition, they have the Graham Road repair. That is \$82,000 in that repair alone. The total cost of the Perrin contract would be approximately \$204,000. Mr. Walters stated that most main breaks occur in the winter but several happened over the summer. Mr. Christopher agreed it has been a strange year. Someone told him that a lot of communities had several major main breaks this year. Mr. Walters asked if there was a guarantee with Perrin that the patches that are tamped out would not sink, and, if they do sink, would Perrin come back to fix those. Mr. Demasi stated he holds 3% of the total contract money for 12 months. He has the contractor come back in the 11th month to look at all of the patches to see if any repairs are needed. If so, they fix them. If not, they get their money. Mrs. Klinger asked which line item this was budgeted under. Mr. Fitzsimmons stated it was under Contractual Other. Mrs. Klinger asked if the City would overrun that line. Mr. Fitzsimmons said most likely. He added that it is budgeted in the Sewer and Water Fund. Mrs. Klinger asked if Administration expected both funds to be lower than what was projected by one-half of this amount. Mr. Fitzsimmons stated they had savings in Capital and would look at a clean-up ordinance. Mrs. Carr stated they have come through true-up and will have to move some money out of the accounts up to the 10% with the savings found. She stated she could give a breakdown.

Mr. Mader moved to bring A-112 out for a vote, second by Mr. Ihasz. Motion passed, voice vote (3-0).

Committee recommended bringing out Temp. Ord. A-112.

Temp. Ord. A-113

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract or contracts, according to law, with PFK Associates, Inc. for professional services necessary for Phase 2 design engineering for the construction and replacement of Substation #4, and declaring an emergency.

Mrs. Carr stated as they had previously indicated, this is Phase 2 of the substation relocation from the State Road Shopping Center. They are going to do more of the work in-house in electric and engineering. That decision has helped bring the cost down. They are asking for \$128,810 for outside engineering fees. PFK did the first phase so they want to continue with them for this phase. Mr. Walters asked about the location for the new substation. Mrs. Carr stated it was the property at Cochran and State Road. Soil samples are going on out there and also some minor clearing. Mr. Walters asked if there was further engineering planned or would this cover it. Mrs. Carr stated this should cover everything. They are hoping to bid it by the end of the year, open bids in January and have construction begin in March. The current substation will be decommissioned at the same time the new one is brought on line. They will re-manage the load with the other substations. The new station will have all new equipment and will be similar to the one near the golf course. The equipment is purchased and on its way. The original equipment does not have value. They have people looking at it for scrap value. Mr. Walters asked whether that location would need anything further done to it. Mrs. Carr did not believe so. Mrs. Klinger stated there had been \$2.5 million budgeted for this project and it looks like there will be \$188,000 spent this year for a total of \$1.6 million. She stated that is a big difference. Mrs. Carr stated they did not have to purchase the property so that was a savings. Also, \$874,966 was part of the \$2.5 million but that was spent earlier. Mrs. Hummel asked what funds were used to purchase that property initially. She thought it was for economic development. Mrs. Truby stated it was purchased with CDGB funds. She checked with HUD to see if they could make the transition and HUD approved it. Mrs. Hummel asked what the City paid for that property. Mrs. Truby stated it was under \$200,000. Mrs. Hummel stated that based on the earlier comment that the Electric Department was not reimbursing the CDGB money, she was surprised that the federal government was o.k. with that. Mrs. Truby stated it is still attached to the jobs creations. Mrs. Hummel appreciated that but thought it was strange. When she voted for the purchase, it was for job creation on that site. This causes her some concern.

Mr. Ihasz moved to bring A-112 out for a vote, second by Mr. Mader. Motion passed, voice vote (3-0).

Committee recommended bringing out Temp. Ord. A-113.

Temp. Ord. A-114

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract and/or contracts without competitive bidding with the City of Stow, Ohio for construction of a water main in Seasons Road, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Demasi stated as part of the Seasons Road widening project, they needed to replace 800 feet of the existing 8-inch water line. The cost was paid through the project, which had funding. After discussions, it was decided to upgrade the water line to a 12-inch. The final cost came in at \$42,000. The project paid for the 8-inch portion and the City paid for the upgrade to a 12-inch. They are going to use savings in the Water Miscellaneous Repair line item for this. Mr. Walters asked if it was installed and functional. Mr. Demasi stated it was. Mr. Mader asked whether the line would be available to the homes on Seasons Road. Mr. Demasi stated that the homes from Wyoga Lake Road to Montclair were retied to the new 12-inch.

Mr. Mader moved to bring A-114 out for a vote, second by Mr. Ihasz. Motion passed, voice vote (3-0).

Committee recommended bringing out Temp. Ord. A-114.

Meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m.