CUYAHOGA FALLS CITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Finance & Appropriations Committee

September 21, 2015

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Klinger, Chair, at 6:30 p.m. A quorum was present.

Approval of the Minutes

Approval of the minutes was deferred.

Agenda Items

Temp. Ord. B-67

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract or contracts, for the construction of a concrete floor at the Street/Sanitation Department storage building, located at 2560 Bailey Road, and declaring an emergency.

The Chair stated that this project was discussed during the budget process. \$75,000 has been appropriated in each of the Sanitation and Capital Projects Funds for this work. The storage building was purchased two years earlier, and the City has received a temporary occupancy permit pending installation of the floor.

The Chair recognized Service Director Eric Czetli, who stated that the building was built without a floor and was issued an occupancy permit on the condition that a floor be installed. The estimate by the City Engineer for this work was originally \$150,000. The actual price will be in the vicinity of \$100,000, rendering a considerable savings.

The Chair asked if this is a "pre-fab" building. Mr. Czetli stated that it is.

There was no opponent testimony. There was no public comment.

Motion by Mr. Iula to release Temp. Ord. B-67 with a favorable recommendation. Seconded by Mr. James. Motion adopted by acclamation.

Temp. Ord. B-68

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract or contracts, without competitive bidding, with Bell Equipment Company for the purchase of a front loader for use in the Sanitation Division, and declaring an emergency.

The Chair stated that this purchase is unbudgeted for 2015 but is included in the City's 5-year Capital Plan for purchase in 2016. Thus, this purchase will be omitted from the 2016 budget.

The Chair recognized Street/Sanitation Superintendent Charles Novak, who stated that the City currently owns only one front loading sanitation truck. The City intends to transition to this type of truck as the rest of the industry does. This type of truck is used to pick up yard waste bins with an automatic arm. This purchased was planned for 2016, but he has come across a "floor model" that has not been used in actual service, that is available at a \$15,000 savings, and has determined to pursue the purchase this year. The Chair asked if Mr. Novak had pressed the manufacturer for more than the 4.5% discount that is now being offered. Mr. Novak stated that he did do that. The discount is \$15,959.80, and several optional specifications are being included including a triple camera system, under-seat controls, auto-cover, and lighting systems, the value of which is \$9,700. The Chair stated that this would bring the total discount to roughly 7%. The Chair asked if this purchase will increase the size of the fleet. Mr. Novak stated that another truck will be taken out of service, but the spare truck will likely be kept for parts. The Chair asked about the warranty on the new truck. Mr. Novak stated that since the truck has never been placed into service, the warranty period has not begun. It will start when the truck is placed into service.

The Chair recognized Mr. Pallotta, who asked if the parts on this truck are interchangeable with the City's other equipment. Mr. Novak stated it is interchangeable with the City's other front loader. Both are Heils.

The Chair recognized Mrs. Pyke, who asked if this truck is a new model or if it has a track record of performance. Mr. Novak stated it is not a new model.

The Chair recognized Mr. Weinhardt, who asked Mr. Novak to explain the term "floor model." Mr. Novak stated that truck has never been titled to any municipality, but has been driven to shows. It has slightly over 1,000 miles on it.

There was no opponent testimony. There was no public comment.

Motion by Mr. James to release Temp. Ord. B-68 with a favorable recommendation. Seconded by Mr. Iula. Motion adopted by acclamation.

Non-Agenda Items

None

Without objection, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

Carol A. Klinger Chair

Paul A. Janis, Clerk of Council