

Cuyahoga Falls City Council

Minutes of the Council Meeting of December 22, 2014

Call to Order

Mrs. Pyke called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

1. Roll Call

Present: Mr. Colavecchio
Mr. DeRemer
Mr. Iula
Mr. James
Mrs. Klinger
Mr. Mader
Mr. Pallotta
Mr. Rubino
Mrs. Snyder
Mr. Weinhardt
Mrs. Pyke

2. Invocation

The invocation was given by Mr. Mader.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by IHM Boy Scout Troop 179.

4. Approval of Minutes of Previous Council Meeting.

Without objection, the minutes of the December 8, 2014 Council meeting were approved as submitted.

5. Reading of petitions, claims, communications and reports of City officials.

1. A letter date December 3, 2014 from the Mayor to the State legislative leadership opposing Amended House Substitute Bill 5.
2. An e-mail from Victoria Taylor to the Clerk of Council concerning the Summit County Jail.
3. From the Finance Director, Report 21 for the period ending November 30, 2014.

6. Introduction of new ordinances and resolutions.

(None.)

7. Public Hearings.

There were no public hearings.

8. Reports of Special Council Committees.

There were no reports of special committees.

9. Reports of Council's Standing Committees

Planning & Zoning Committee:

(No report.)

Finance & Appropriations Committee:

Temp. Ord. A-112: An ordinance providing for supplemental and/or amended appropriations of money for current operating expenses and capital expenditures of the City of Cuyahoga Falls, and authorizing the transfer of appropriations within and for the various funds hereinafter set forth, and declaring an emergency.

Motion by Mrs. Klinger to adopt Temp. Ord. A-112.
Seconded by Mr. James.

Remarks by the Committee Chair: None.

Mr. James called the question.

Motion adopted by acclamation, 11-0. The ordinance was passed.

Public & Industrial Improvements:

(No report.)

Public Affairs:

Temp. Ord. A-102: An ordinance amending Chapter 933 "Electricity" of Title 5 "Public Utilities" of Part 9 "Streets and Public Services" of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio relating to electric rates, and declaring an emergency.

Motion by Mr. Pallotta to adopt Temp. Ord. A-102. Seconded by Mr. Weinhardt.

Remarks by the Committee Chair: None.

Mr. DeRemer called the question.

Motion adopted by acclamation, 11-0. The ordinance was passed.

Temp. Ord. A-103: An ordinance to adopt the Cuyahoga Falls Electric System Cash Reserve Policy, and declaring an emergency.

Motion by Mr. Pallotta to adopt Temp. Ord. A-103. Seconded by Mr. Weinhardt.

Remarks by the Committee Chair: None.

Mr. DeRemer called the question.

Motion adopted by acclamation, 11-0. The ordinance was passed.

Temp. Ord. A-109: An ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into agreements to allow Fiber Technologies Networks, LLC, to access the City's rights of way and electric poles for the construction and maintenance of fiber optic cable, guy wires, new poles and other telecommunications equipment, and declaring an emergency.

Motion by Mr. Pallotta to adopt Temp. Ord. A-109. Seconded by Mrs. Klinger.

Remarks by the Committee Chair: None.

Mr. DeRemer called the question.

Motion adopted by acclamation, 9-2, the President and Mr. Weinhardt objecting. The ordinance was passed.

Temp. Ord. A-113: An ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into agreements to allow KEPS Technologies Inc., dba ACD.net, to access the City's rights of way and electric poles for the construction and maintenance of fiber optic cable, guy wires, new poles and other telecommunications equipment, and declaring an emergency.

Motion by Mr. Pallotta to adopt Temp. Ord. A-113. Seconded by Mr. Weinhardt.

Remarks by the Committee Chair: None.

Mr. DeRemer called the question.

Motion adopted by acclamation, 11-0. The ordinance was passed.

Temp. Ord. A-114: An ordinance authorizing participation in American Municipal Power's Rate Stabilization Program, the execution of a Loan Agreement, execution and delivery of a Promissory Note, and declaring an emergency.

Motion by Mr. Pallotta to adopt Temp. Ord. A-114. Seconded by Mr. Weinhardt.

Remarks by the Committee Chair: The Chair commended members of the administration including Mr. Czetli and Mr. Dougherty, and Council members Klinger and Pyke for their time and efforts in bringing forth a gradual increase in electric costs, providing residents and businesses with a modest increase in cost while protecting the City from default.

Mrs. Klinger called the question.

Motion adopted by acclamation, 11-0. The ordinance was passed.

Temp. Ord. A-115 (Amended): An ordinance authorizing the execution of Energy Purchase Power Supply Schedule with American Municipal Power, Inc., and declaring an emergency.

Motion by Mr. Pallotta to adopt Temp. Ord. A-115 as amended. Seconded by Mr. Weinhardt.

Remarks by the Committee Chair: None.

Mr. DeRemer called the question.

Motion adopted by acclamation, 11-0. The ordinance was passed.

Temp. Ord. A-116: An ordinance amending the compensation and classification plan for full-time non-bargaining positions and assigning and re-assigning various job classifications to appropriate established salary grades, and declaring an emergency.

Motion by Mr. Pallotta to adopt Temp. Ord. A-116. Seconded by Mr. Weinhardt.

Remarks by the Committee Chair: None.

Mr. DeRemer called the question.

Motion adopted by acclamation, 11-0. The ordinance was passed.

Temp. Ord. A-117: An ordinance establishing pay ranges for part-time, per diem, and special classification workers, and declaring an emergency.

Motion by Mr. Pallotta to adopt Temp. Ord. A-117. Seconded by Mr. Weinhardt.

Remarks by the Committee Chair: None.

Mr. DeRemer called the question.

Motion adopted by acclamation, 11-0. The ordinance was passed.

Community Development:

Temp. Ord. A-118: An ordinance authorizing the Director of Community Development to enter into a Community Reinvestment Area Agreement with Harbor Castings, Inc., and declaring an emergency.

Motion by Mr. Weinhardt to adopt Temp. Ord. A-118. Seconded by Mr. Pallotta.

Remarks by the Committee Chair: The Chair thanked Ms. Sheridan and the administration for bringing a company with 70 jobs to the City.

Mr. Colavecchio called the question.

Motion adopted by acclamation, 11-0. The ordinance was passed.

10. Announcement of Schedule of Council Committee Meetings

Planning and Zoning:	Subject to call.
Finance:	Subject to call.
Public Improvements:	Subject to call.
Public Affairs:	Subject to call.
Community Development:	Subject to call.

11. Miscellaneous Business

The President recognized Mrs. Klinger, who asked the Finance Director to review Report 21 for the period ending November 30, 2014. Mr. Hoffman presented a special spreadsheet comparing YTD general fund revenue figures from 11/30/13 to 11/30/14. Local Government Fund revenues are down \$29,000 on this spreadsheet, but the City is now beginning to see some increases in this fund. Income Tax revenue is up 3.1% YTD and

3.7% year-over-year, with strong increases in November, a positive variance of \$905,000. Sewer charges for services are up \$208,000. Water charges for services are positive (by \$11,000), but high pressure surcharge fees are negative because the City eliminated this charge. Leisure Time Fund revenue is negative variance by \$17,000. This is less of a negative variance than had been predicted, but the outlook is negative due to the anticipated opening of L.A. Fitness. On the expense side, management is reducing expenses and managing to the revenue picture.

The President recognized Mr. Colavecchio, who congratulated the administration on successfully completing its first year in office.


The President recognized Mr. Mader, who noted that the previous administration played a critical role in the successful completion of Portage Crossing.

12. Adjournment

Motion by Mr. James to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Iula. Motion adopted by acclamation. The meeting was adjourned at 6:56 p.m.



Mary Ellen Pyke
Council President



Paul A. Janis
Clerk of Council