

**Cuyahoga Falls City Council**  
**Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting**  
**October 1, 2007**

**Members:** Tim Gorbach, Chair  
Jerry James  
Carol Klinger

Mr. Gorbach called the meeting to order at 6:20 p.m. All members were present.

**Legislation Considered**

Sub. Temp. Ord. B-121  
Temp. Ord. B-122  
Temp. Ord. B-123  
Temp. Ord. B-124  
Temp. Ord. B-125

**Discussion:**

**Sub. Temp. Ord. B-121**

An ordinance authorizing the execution of a power sales contract with American Municipal Power-Ohio, Inc. and taking other actions connected therewith regarding the Prairie State Energy Campus and declaring an emergency.

Jay Meyers, Assistant Superintendent of the Electric Dept., stated this was in regard to the coal plant in Illinois in which AMP-Ohio is a majority owner. It is a very good-looking project. The power is projected to be in the low \$.05 range, and the fuel supply is right there. It will be a good base load project that will be stable for the long term. The City's cost and risk goes down if we participate in this project. Mr. Gorbach added this is a component of the project passed last week.

*The Committee recommended bringing out Sub. Temp. Ord. B-121 for approval.*

**Temp. Ord. B-122**

An ordinance authorizing the execution of a power sales contract with American Municipal Power-Ohio, Inc. and taking other actions connected therewith regarding Hydroelectric project participation and declaring an emergency.

Jay Meyers stated that Council passed an ordinance in November, 2006 to get into the developmental stage. Currently, the City is up to 7.9 MW. AMP-Ohio has license to four out of the five plants along the river. This will put a nice chunk of renewable energy into the City's portfolio. Mr. Gorbach stated the City is a proponent for the environment and green energy, and the citizens should be happy the City is pursuing this.

*The Committee recommended bringing out Temp. Ord. B-122 for approval.*

**Temp. Ord. B-123**

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract extension with Akron Central Equipment Repair for preventive maintenance and repair service for certain specialized vehicles and equipment in the Sanitation Division, and declaring an emergency.

Chuck Novak stated this was for a contract extension to maintain the sanitation fleet and involves only the larger vehicles. The small vehicles are serviced by the City garage. The contract is renewed every two

years. This is a two-year extension. They tried to find other vendors to do the same thing under the same conditions but could not. Mr. Novak likes the fact that A.C.E.R. uses the City's service garage because if anytime there is a problem they are on it right away. He only works on sanitation vehicles so he is very knowledgeable. Mrs. Carr added that the unions are in support of this. As we moved more into automation, the trucks have become more sophisticated. She stated the employees are very respectful of him being at their work place.

***The Committee recommended bringing out Temp. Ord. B-123 for approval.***

**Temp. Ord. B-124**

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract or contracts, according to law, for the purchase of certain equipment and supplies in the Electric Division, and declaring an emergency.

Bob Bye stated this is part of an ongoing LED change-out program. They have put these in school flashers at two intersections. This will allow two more before the end of the year. 60% of the lights are retrofit. Of those that are done, the City is saving 61% or \$28,000 on those lights. They last 7 to 10 years. The old lights were changed about once a year. Maintenance is cut considerably.

***The Committee recommended bringing out Temp. Ord. B-124 for approval.***

**Temp. Ord. B-125**

An ordinance authorizing the Park and Recreation Board to extend its contract for the lease of golf carts, and declaring an emergency.

Ed Stewart stated this will extent the existing lease for an additional two years. They currently have 68 golf carts. They would pay \$725 to \$900 per cart if they went out to bid again. Mr. Gorbach stated if you divided \$600 by 8 months the carts are used, it would come out to \$75 per month per cart and those are all electric. Mr. Stewart added that the service contract states that one-third of the fleet can be no older than five years, one-third no older than four years, and one-third no older than three years.

***The Committee recommended bringing out Temp. Ord. B-125 for approval.***

The meeting adjourned at 6:32 p.m.