

Cuyahoga Falls City Council
Minutes of the Public Improvements Committee Meeting
October 15, 2007

Members: Jerry James, Chair
Debbie Ritzinger
Terry Mader

Mr. James called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. Mrs. Ritzinger was absent.

The minutes from the September 4, 2007, September 10, 2007 and September 17, 2007 Public Improvements Committee meetings were approved as submitted.

Legislation Considered

Temp. Ord. B-134

Discussion:

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An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract to provide professional engineering services to design a project consisting of upgrading, installing and reconfiguring the 23kv system, and declaring an emergency.

Bob Bye stated this will allow the City to get the engineering in order to proceed with the 23kv projects. The express feed still needs to come underground from State and Portage. They also need to reconfigure some lines in order to relieve the load at Valley. The budget this year had \$65,700 for express feed that they have not yet spent, \$45,000 for underground lines from substation 5 and substation 10 is not going to be done this year. They may do that themselves. They completed the underground lines on Portage Trail themselves, which had originally been budgeted at \$189,000. All that money will not be spent so that is where they are getting the money for this project. Mrs. Pyke asked whether any of the above-ground portion would be new poles. Mr. Bye stated a majority will be. They will send a proposal to AT&T when they are ready to lay them out. He said AT&T is moving slow but they now have a company working for them so he expects it to pick up.

Mr. Gorbach asked if the work would cause any down time for customers. Mr. Bye stated no one should be without service. They are trying to get the engineering done now so they can use time when loads are down. He felt they can serve the rest of the City with what is left. He added these are just the engineering costs and that construction itself is estimated at \$877,000. He stated that engineering is normally 10 percent of the construction cost but they are doing parts themselves so the construction estimates are lower than the \$1.4 million that it would cost to contract the whole project. Mr. Bye stated the amount covered under this legislation is in the capital budget.

The Committee recommended bringing out Temp. Ord. B-134 for approval.

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.