

**Cuyahoga Falls City Council
Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting
December 1, 2008**

Members: Don Walters, Chair
Debbie Ritzinger
Carol Klinger

Mr. Walters called the meeting to order at 6:50 p.m. All members were present.

The minutes from the November 17, 2008 and November 24, 2008 committee meeting were approved as submitted.

Legislation Discussed

Temp. Ord. A-130

Temp. Ord. A-135

Discussion

Temp. Ord. A-130

An ordinance authorizing the mayor to enter into a contract with Finley Fire Equipment for weekly vehicle maintenance service, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Brodzinski stated the City has been using Finley for several years. This will carry us through next year and is budgeted at \$32,000. Finley Fire comes to the garage to do preventative maintenance and fix whatever needs to be fixed. Mr. Walters confirmed that this covered both the fire trucks and squads. Mr. Walters noted that even though the City has picked up additional vehicles, the cost has not increased. He asked how many vehicles there were. Fred Jackson, Asst. Fire Chief, indicated there were 27. The City still does some work itself. This ordinance is just for the more high tech items.

Committee recommended bringing out Temp. Ord. A-130.

Temp. Ord. A-135

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Finance to enter into a contract and/or contracts with New World Systems for software maintenance and support of the public safety software module, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Konich stated this is for the New World contract the City previously had. The City began using the software in 1986 but chose not to use it in 2008. It has since reversed that decision. In order to do this, the 2008 maintenance fees must be paid. The software was actually in use for the first half of 2008 but the maintenance was never paid. The 2009 fees must also be paid. As far as the costs for professional services, the IS Department could do the work itself, however, it would take two or three months. New World committed to accelerating the process and they are shooting for a December 16 deadline. He stated the technology the City is using has changed. Communication previously went through towers but now it goes through cell service which is much faster. Things have also changed within New World software that will require additional work so New World can accomplish the switch much quicker. Mr. Konich stated that the police and fire portion is for MDT and the rest is for dispatch. The amount for next year is higher because it will be for 13 months so that the contract would be up for renewal in January vs. next December. Mr. Walters stated the other system was not adequate. Mr. Konich agreed it had some issues. Mrs. Ritzinger asked if the other cities would receive training on the software. Mr.

Konich indicated they talked to Munroe Falls and Silver Lake before making this decision and they are both in agreement. Training will be provided to all of the communities using the system. Mrs. Hummel asked what was paid in 2008 for maintenance on the other software. Mr. Konich stated it was \$45,000 which included maintenance and professional services. Mrs. Hummel asked about the issues with that software. Mr. Konich stated there were some performance issues and the reliability was not there. It was not doing what they said it would do. The amount for 2008 maintenance is approximately \$71,000. He added it was important to note that that the City was running the system for the first half of the year and then used it to view contents after that time. He feels the switch back to New World will fix the problems.

Committee recommended bringing out Temp. Ord. A-135.

The meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.