

Cuyahoga Falls City Council
Minutes of the Public Improvements Committee Meeting
March 3, 2008

Members: Debbie Ritzinger, Chair
Mark Ihasz
Terry Mader

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

Legislation Considered

Temp. Ord. A-35

Discussion:

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An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract or contracts, according to law, for the annual resurfacing and/or repair of various streets as described in Exhibit 'A', attached hereto, in the City of Cuyahoga Falls, and declaring an emergency.

Mrs. Carr stated this is an annual ordinance to resurface various streets in the City. They plan to open bids on April 1 and construction will start after the snow ends. Mrs. Ritzinger indicated that Council received a list of additional streets as well as streets they can choose. Mrs. Carr stated she needs to know Council's choices as soon as possible so she can prepare the final exhibit.

Mrs. Pyke asked if it was Mrs. Carr's recommendation that Council members choose the streets at the top of the list. Mrs. Carr stated that preference would be given to the first one. Mrs. Pyke asked how long asphalt should last. Mr. Demasi indicated they'd like to get 10 years but sometimes a street will fail. Mrs. Carr added that the City inherited some of the streets so they are not sure what the base is on those. Mrs. Pyke asked if there was a problem with the base at Sackett and Grant. Mr. Demasi stated that many streets do not have any drainage beneath so there will eventually be sub-base problems. He did not have Sackett on his list and would have to check to see what it was rated. Mrs. Pyke indicated she told residents that 10th Street would be resurfaced. Mr. Demasi stated if they do a utility replacement one year, they like to do the paving the next year. As was discussed during budget, they need to replace the remaining street to Falls Avenue so it is his recommendation to wait and pave the whole thing next year. Mrs. Carr added that they would be happy to send a letter to those residents explaining that.

Mr. Walters asked in areas where we do these in-house, were there any large sections that will continue to be overpaved. Mr. Demasi stated that is done through the Street Department. They evaluate the streets and, if necessary, will do a patch pave. Those areas change throughout the year and they are looking at them now.

Mrs. Ritzinger commented on the abundance of potholes. Mrs. Carr stated they are already filling them whenever they can. They know they are bad. They are going to have a hotline for residents to report them, and they will fill them as soon as the weather cooperates.

Committee recommended bringing out Temp. Ord. No. A-35.

The meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.