

Cuyahoga Falls City Council
Minutes of the Public & Industrial Improvements Committee Meeting
April 21, 2008

Members: Debbie Ritzinger, Chair
Mark Ihasz
Terry Mader

Mrs. Ritzinger called the meeting to order at 7:42 p.m. All members were present.

The minutes from the February 19, 2008, March 3, 2008 and April 14, 2008 committee meetings were approved as submitted.

Legislation Considered

Temp. Ord. A-48
Temp. Ord. A-50
Temp. Ord. A-51

Discussion:

Temp. Ord. A-48

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract or contracts, according to law, for the replacement of the existing culvert pipe under Babb Run Drive, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Demasi stated this was a result of the 2004 storms which caused severe damage to Babb Run. The City completed most of the work. Bids on the remaining work are scheduled to be opened tomorrow. They anticipate construction to begin in June and could last all summer. He is hoping bids come in around \$200,000. Mr. Barnhart asked if the Park would be closed during construction. Mr. Demasi indicated it is closed right now and will remain so until the project is concluded. The road will be reopened at that time. Mr. Barnhart had mixed feelings about the road reopening due to an increase in vehicular traffic. Mayor Robart added that the park is currently closed to vehicular traffic only but is open to people who are walking. Once they start the culvert work, those people will probably have to walk from Valley View.

Committee recommended bringing out Temp. Ord. A-49.

Temp. Ord. A-50

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract with O. R. Colan Associates for right-of-way professional engineering services for improvements to the Howe Avenue and Main Street intersection, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Demasi stated this was for the design of Howe Avenue and Main Street improvement project. They are ready to begin on the right-of-way portion. There are 11 strip parcels needed to proceed. They have selected consultants to negotiate those parcels. They are also waiting for ODOT to approve the right-of-way plan. The engineer does the purchase of the right-of-ways but cannot do the plans. Different companies are needed to do each. The project is for the redesigning of the intersection, and the right-of-ways are needed in order to do that. Two of the parcels are Ron Marhofer and the BP Station. The project came about from a July, 2003 traffic safety study. The consultant who performed that recommended lengthening the left turn lane and installing a right turn lane. They will also be realigning the lanes on Howe Avenue through the intersection. Mrs. Hummel asked if there was any resolution regarding the issue on Huddleston. Mr. Demasi indicated that was addressed in the report but is not

included in this project. However, he felt that the work being done on this project may help resolve the Huddleston problem with the improvement of traffic flow through the intersection.

Committee recommended bringing out Temp. Ord. A-50

Temp. Ord. A-51

An ordinance authorizing the construction of the extension of the sanitary sewer on Taylor Avenue in the City of Cuyahoga Falls by a private developer and accepting dedication of the same, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Demasi stated this was for a new commercial building being planned at 235 Taylor between Main and Newberry. There is currently no sanitary sewer located there so the developer will be extending it and then dedicating it as a public sewer. This was reviewed by Akron, the Ohio EPA and the City. The developer has posted a \$52,000 performance bond. The business is a landscaping company.

Committee recommended bringing out Temp. Ord. A-51

The meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.