

Cuyahoga Falls City Council
Finance Committee Meeting
April 7, 2003

Members: Mr. Gorbach, Chair
Mr. Schmidt
Mr. Barnhart

Mr. Gorbach called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m. All members of committee were present.

The minutes from the March 17, 2003 Finance Committee meeting were approved as submitted.

LEGISLATION CONSIDERED

Temp. Ord. No. B-51
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DISCUSSION

Temp. Ord. No. B-51

Mr. Gorbach read B-51 (second reading). Mr. Bye stated these were replacements for the Electric Department. The vehicles getting replaced are a 1998 Jeep, 1998 Neon, 1997 Ranger, 1997 1-Ton, and 1991 Bucket Truck. They will be purchased off the State or CUE bid. Mr. Gorbach stated they would be capping the legislation at the end of line 30. Mrs. Klinger asked why they were replacing the Neon. Mr. Bye stated that it was the vehicle for the general foreman. They felt it would be better suited for him to have a vehicle that would enable him to carry equipment when he responds. Mrs. Klinger asked what the difference was in cost between the truck and the midsize. Mr. Bye stated they did not compare those. They just decided to purchase the vehicle through equipment procurement. Mrs. Carr stated that they have found that trucks are more appropriate in first-line emergency responders. They have been trying to weed out the cars and get trucks for those particular individuals.

Committee recommended bringing out B-51.

Mr. Gorbach took a moment to recognize and welcome the Boy Scouts from Troop 180 of St. Joseph School who had just entered Council Chambers.

Temp. Ord. No. B-52

Mr. Gorbach read B-52 (second reading). Chief Snyder stated this purchase will take them to eight units. They currently have six in service now and have received excellent performance out of them. There are two units on Engine 1; two on Ladder 3; one on Ladder 2 and one on Engine 4. Their goal is to get two units on each vehicle so everyone going into a structural fire has visibility. It would also help as back-up to have two imagers in case one imager goes down. He attended the Fire Departments Conference in Indiana and visited the Sage booth. They were distributing fliers that mentioned Cuyahoga Falls as being first in the nation to have these units. He gave Council members copies of the flier. He thanked Council for its support in this and Mr. Gorbach replied that it could not happen without Chief Snyder's help and investigation. Mrs. Pyke asked how much the new units weigh compared to the old units. Chief Snyder stated the old units were in excess of nine pounds and the new ones are just shy of one pound. He stated they also have much improved images with the new units. He mentioned that he spoke with the presidents from both Sage and Raytheon who indicated they are coming out with the latest generation within the next three months. Because Cuyahoga Falls has been with them from the start, they are going to upgrade our eight units to the 2003 technology at no cost to the City.

Committee recommended bringing out B-52.

Temp. Ord. No. B-53

Mr. Gorbach read B-53 (second reading). Chief Snyder stated that last year, they purchased five units and placed them on their most pollutant vehicles. This year, they have budgeted to purchase nine more which will take care of the last of the vehicles they use on a day-to-day basis. Mr. Gorbach stated it was his understanding when the unit needs to be cleaned, it is only the filter that gets removed and sent out. Chief Snyder stated there is a light that indicates when the filter needs to be cleaned.

Committee recommended bringing out B-53.

Temp. Ord. No. B-54

Mr. Gorbach read B-54 (second reading). Capt. Conley stated this is a renewal contract for 90 terminals that are currently in operation. It will cover service for the units plus site repair at tower locations. The contract is January through December. Mr. Gorbach confirmed that part of this money is reimbursed by other communities. Capt. Conley stated they currently have 12 cities who rent units from us and who pay a monthly user fee. The City has the majority of the units in use.

Committee recommended bringing out B-54.

Temp. Ord. No. B-55

Mr. Gorbach read B-55 (second reading). John Konich stated this the annual renewal of all IBM equipment. The annual contract runs from January 25, 2003 through January 24, 2004. It is for hardware only and on the AS 400 only.

Committee recommended bringing out B-55.

Temp. Ord. No. B-57

Mr. Gorbach read B-57 (second reading). Mr. Gorbach stated this legislation had to do with contingency items. He indicated that there are often unforeseen circumstances that will increase a contract. Council has been receiving updates from Administration on the project for a few months now. He indicated the items were listed on the budget sheet and did not feel it was necessary read each one. He pointed out that it was a small percentage. Mr. Schmidt indicated it was his understanding that cost savings were to have covered any contingencies that occurred. Mr. Gorbach agreed but after talking with Administration, it was felt that it could create confusion at the end of the project if there was not a savings and Administration came back for approval for more money. That request would not be fore these items because they would have already been paid. It would be for items that were previously approved, such as painting, carpeting, etc. Mr. Schmidt asked if there have been any savings so far. Mrs. Truby indicated there have been some and she has noted those on the reports but the change orders far outweigh the savings. Mr. Flinn asked how many bricks have been sold. Mrs. Truby stated their goal was to sell \$100,000 and as of today her figure was \$95,750. Mr. Gorbach asked when the sale ends. Mrs. Truby indicated they tried to set the deadline of March 4 but people were still coming in asking to purchase bricks. She stated that by the end of this week, it will be a total cut-off. Mr. Gorbach stated he would like to cap the legislation at the amount Mrs. Truby has listed. He indicated if there are any more contingencies that are not off-set by credits, they will still come to Council but this was certainly the bulk of them.

Committee recommended bringing out B-57.

Other Business

Mr. Gorbach indicated he had a letter from the Ohio Ethics Commission that Council members needed to submit their forms by April 15.

Mrs. Hummel stated she had copies of a letter distributed to all members of Council from Shared and Family Leadership. She stated it is a group patterned after Leadership Akron. Each year they bring together approximately 30 administrators, managers and senior level direct service staff from Summit County organizations who would participate in learning about services offered by local organizations and the current and future challenges these organizations face. They can then explore possible gaps in the community service network. She has the application if anyone is interested.

Mr. Gorbach again recognized Troop 180. He explained that the procedure for tonight's Committee meetings was to discuss the legislation and rules that Council would be voting on at the meeting next week. He offered the Troop to remain after the Committee meetings concluded so that the Scouts could have the opportunity to talk to Council members and any members of Administration who also wished to stay.

Meeting adjourned at 6:36 p.m.