

**Cuyahoga Falls City Council**  
**Minutes of the Public Affairs Committee Meeting**  
**May 15, 2006**

**Members:** Debbie Ritzinger, Chair  
Diana Cola vecchio  
Doug Flinn

Mrs. Ritzinger called the meeting to order at 7:24 p.m. All members were present.

**Legislation Considered:**

Temp. Ord. A-60  
Temp. Ord. A-61

**Discussion:**

***Temp. Ord. A-60***

An ordinance authorizing and directing the execution of a hydro matrix developmental cost sharing agreement by the City of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio with American Municipal Power-Ohio, Inc.

Mrs. Ritzinger read A-60 (second reading). Marc Gerken, President of AMP-Ohio, gave a short presentation on hydro matrix technology. Total capacity of the new project would be 115 megawatts.

Mrs. Carr said the City s investment in the project is around \$65,000 and could be lower if other cities opt in. Cuyahoga Falls has been named the number one city in the State of Ohio for energy efficiency programs.

Mr. Bye said the objective is to lower the City s kw price from an average of 5.7 cents last year to 4.2 cents under the new project.

Mr. Flinn asked where the City s share would come from. Mr. Brodzinski said the power cost factor would be increased over a 12-month period.

Mrs. Hummel said she had received questions from residents about the increase in power cost factor due to federal charges. Mrs. Carr said the cost was averaged over 18 months to reduce the impact on the community. Mr. Gerken said that the federal charges were based on two test years of transmission. Some of these charges will be rebated to the City through negotiation.

Mrs. Hummel asked Mrs. Carr to notify Council about the status of the rebates.

Mr. Mader asked why the City opposed the hydro plant in the Metro Parks. Mrs. Carr said the output would be much less than this project, and the City didn't feel it was an appropriate placement.

***The committee recommended bringing out Temp. Ord. A-60 for approval.***

***Temp. Ord. A-61***

An ordinance amending Section 1323.01 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Cuyahoga Falls, and declaring an emergency.

Mrs. Ritzinger read A-61 (second reading). Mr. Bell said the ordinance updates the City's residential code to comply with the new State residential code.

***The committee recommended bringing out Temp. Ord. A-61 for approval.***

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.