

**Cuyahoga Falls City Council**  
**Minutes of the Public Affairs Committee Meeting**  
**June 19, 2006**

**Members:** Debbie Ritzinger, Chair  
Diana Colavecchio  
Doug Flinn

Mrs. Ritzinger called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. All members were present.

The minutes of April 17, 2006 and May 15, 2006 were approved as submitted.

**Legislation Considered:**

Temp. Ord. A-74

**Discussion:**

**Temp. Ord. A-74**

An ordinance authorizing the Mayor to grant a license to Beck Energy Corporation for the use of a portion of the City's property to drill an oil and gas well, and declaring an emergency.

Mrs. Ritzinger read A-74 (second reading). Assistant Parks & Recreation Superintendent Ed Stewart said the well would be located behind softball field #5 in Waterworks Park. Finished project will be a 10' x 10' fenced off area for the well head, along with a tank battery. Mrs. Ritzinger said that since there is no cost to the City, we only stand to benefit from the well.

Mr. Flinn asked about the noise factor and screening. David Beck (Beck Energy) said drilling takes 4-5 days. The finished well won't have moving parts, so there will be no noise. It will be surrounded by an 8' chain link fence with barbed wire on top.

Mr. Flinn asked for an explanation of the contract. Mr. Beck said the City would receive 12-1/2% of the revenue generated by the well. Estimate is about \$40,000 per year.

Mrs. Pyke asked about drilling close to the river. Mr. Beck said the company will follow state regulations and take necessary precautions. He said the drilling will take place approximately 1,500 feet from existing water lines.

***The committee recommended bringing out Temp. Ord. A-74 for approval.***

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

