

Cuyahoga Falls City Council
Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting
June 2, 2008

Members: Don Walters, Chair
Debbie Ritzinger
Carol Klinger

Mr. Walters called the meeting to order at 6:20 p.m. All members were present.

The minutes from the May 19, 2008 committee meeting were approved as submitted.

Legislation Considered

Temp. Ord. A-65
Temp. Ord. A-66

Discussion:

Temp. Ord. A-65

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract or contracts, according to law, for the lease and/or purchase of a 10-yard compact side loader for use in the Sanitation Division, and declaring an emergency.

Chuck Novak stated there was a small 10 yard demonstrator unit that came by in March. The City's current unit is a 1990 model with 145,000 miles. They were planning to purchase a new unit in next year's budget to replace that model. In the meantime, the demonstrator unit became available for sale for \$87,300. A new unit is \$115,000. He stated they have some savings in the current budget to help offset this cost. One area is one of their vehicles caught fire and was a total loss so there is insurance money coming in. They also should have some savings in other accounts.

Mr. Walters stated this was budgeted for 2009 but this deal came up in 2008. The unit is barely used and has only 2,300 miles on it. He asked if the 1990 model would be kept in service or sold. Mr. Novak stated they are expecting a trade-in quote; otherwise, they will get rid of it on ebay. He added that these smaller units are nice for getting into condos and other areas too small for the larger trucks. They are also good for missed pick-ups as they are more fuel-efficient. It will be a nice addition to the fleet. Mr. Walters added that the smaller units can also dump into the larger units without having to drive to a transfer station.

Mrs. Klinger asked how much money Mr. Novak expected to collect from the insurance claim. Mr. Novak indicated it would be approximately \$21,500. Mrs. Klinger asked Mr. Brodzinski if he was comfortable taking this fund down to \$100,000. Mr. Brodzinski indicated he was and added that there is additional savings in other funds that will also help. Mrs. Klinger stated she was nervous about how low the fund balance was getting.

Committee recommended bringing out Temp. Ord. No. A-65.

Temp. Ord. A-66

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to execute a modification of the contract for the 2008 Utility Patching Program, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Demasi stated the Water Department has experienced a large amount of water main breaks. They do temporary repairs and then make permanent repairs later. Because of the additional main breaks during the winter months, they would like to get them all done this year. It will go from \$114,825 to \$150,000.

Mr. Walters asked why they budgeted more this year vs. last year. Mr. Demasi stated that is the way the bids came in. They went with the low bid. Mr. Walters asked if the bids were based on specifications of so many c.f. and the size and number? Mr. Demasi confirmed that they were and added that the City just exceeded the number they normally have. Mr. Walters stated a lot of breaks happen in the winter but it seems the City has had a rash of problems with the patching. He asked what method the contractor used. Mr. Demasi stated they use a cold mix asphalt because asphalt companies are closed in the winter.

Mr. Walters indicated that half of the increase would be charged to water and half charged to sewer.

Committee recommended bringing out Temp. Ord. No. A-66.

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.