

Cuyahoga Falls City Council
Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting
July 23, 2007

Members: Tim Gorbach, Chair
Jerry James
Carol Klinger

Mr. Gorbach called the meeting to order at 6:42 p.m. All members were present.

The minutes of the June 11, 2007 committee meeting were approved as submitted.

Legislation Considered

Temp. Ord. B-106

Temp. Ord. B-107

Discussion:

Temp. Ord. B-106

An ordinance granting an easement on Summit County Parcel Number 3503882 for purposes of installing and maintaining a water line and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Gorbach stated he has friends who live at this address who have been waiting for the water agreement to be approved between the City and Akron. There is a line on Valley that they can tap into. There is a parcel of land owned by the City that lies between their property and the line. He spoke with Mr. Demasi and Mr. Arrington and this has also been approved by the Administration. This would be in line with the Akron water agreement that was passed. There is broad language which allows additional tap-ins that are approved by both communities. Akron has not yet approved this but tonight's approval will allow the residents to tap into the line should Akron approve it while Council is on recess during the month of August.

The Committee recommended bringing out Temp. Ord. B-106 for approval.

Temp. Ord. B-107 (Finance)

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Finance to enter into a contract or contracts to purchase public safety software and maintenance, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Konich stated they recently purchased hardware to support the new dispatch software. The first part involves Mobile Data Terminals (MDT) inside the police cruisers. They will be replacing the current MDTs with Sprint cellular service. The other part of this legislation is for the Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD). Calls would come in and then be transmitted to the cars. This also would allow officers to update information when they get to the call. In addition, the Automated Vehicle Locator (AVL) will make it easier to pinpoint locations on a map when callers make 911 calls from their cell phones. It is also more efficient from a dispatch records management perspective.

Mr. Gorbach asked about the timeframe. Mr. Konich stated they are on parallel with the regional dispatch center. They estimate the hardware will arrive within the next two weeks and the software a couple weeks after that. They're planning to have it completed by late fall.

Mrs. Klinger asked if the amount was just for software. Mr. Konich indicated that the software was free if they agreed to pay for maintenance which is due January, 2008. She asked if the AVL was an improvement

over what the City has now. Mr. Konich stated it was. The new system will allow dispatchers to see which cruisers are in service, which are closest, which are en route, as well as the location of the cell 911 calls.

The Committee recommended bringing out B-107 for approval.

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.