

**Cuyahoga Falls City Council**  
**Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting**  
**September 17, 2007**

**Members:** Tim Gorbach, Chair  
Jerry James  
Carol Klinger

Mr. Gorbach called the meeting to order at 6:48 p.m. All members were present.

The minutes from the June 18, 2007, July 16, 2007 and July 23, 2007 Finance Committee meetings were approved as submitted.

**Legislation Considered**

Temp. Ord. B-114

Temp. Ord. B-115

**Discussion:**

**Temp. Ord. B-114**

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract or contracts for employment agency services for City departments, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Brodzinski stated this is the total estimated budget. Callos has done a good job but the contract is up, so the City has put it out to bid. Temps were used in Parks and Rec. for the first time and they were also used in Building and Grounds. The budgeted amount does not mean they will bill up to that level. They will evaluate depending on the nature of the part-time work.

*The Committee recommended bringing out Temp. Ord. B-114 for approval.*

**Temp. Ord. B-115**

An ordinance authorizing the execution of a power sales contract with American Municipal Power-Ohio, Inc. and taking other actions connected therewith and declaring an emergency.

Mrs. Carr stated that AMP-Ohio was going to give Council a presentation. Mark Gerken, President and CEO, was present. Jay Meyers was also present to supplement.

In March, 2003, they came to Council with an ordinance which allowed the City to get into the plan to build a large generator plant. However, natural gas prices jumped from 3.9¢ kwh in 2003 to 5.6¢ kwh. In 2006, Council allowed AMP-Ohio to look into purchasing blocks of power. In February, 2007, AMP-Ohio did a study and purchased 63 MW base load power.

Mr. Gerken explained the differences between base load power vs. intermediate power vs. peaking power. Intermediate load was closely tied to the natural gas market. Currently, the City's base load depends on market power for 62% of its needs, and it's intermediate load gets 95% from market power, both of which are very high. AMP-Ohio's plan looks at diversifying power by utilizing other forms such as hydro, coal and wind in addition to natural gas. He gave AMP-Ohio's presentation which went into more detail. They will finance the interest themselves. He stated that municipalities who wanted to participate needed to sign their contract by November 1, 2007. They will have an opportunity to withdraw their contracts in March, 2008 when AMP-Ohio will be able to firm-up its number. Basically, if they are not satisfied with those numbers, they can legislatively withdraw. The legislation before Council tonight pertains to the AMPGS.

Mr. Gorbach stated that AMP-Ohio has a long history of good power management and reliable power. He appreciated all of the information.

Mrs. Klinger asked if the contract would need to be footnoted in the CAFR since AMP-Ohio would be carrying the debt on their books. Mr. Brodzinski wasn't sure and Mr. Gerken stated he would find the answer. Mrs. Pyke asked if the other communities needed to have legislation. Mr. Gerken stated they did and, so far, no one has said no. He reiterated that every community will have the ability to lower their capacity or opt out of the project so long as it is done legislatively by March 2008. They will get a firmer set of numbers in February.

Mrs. Hummel asked Mr. Gerken if he had any idea what the power would cost under the AMPGS project. He stated it would be almost 5.5¢ which is about where we are now. He added they will be able to burn different types of fuel which will help keep the costs down.

Mrs. Carr thanked Mr. Gerken for coming. She added that the City's portfolio is at 20% renewable. The City's 2020 goal is to get to 50%. Some of the things Mr. Gerken spoke of will work within the City's portfolio. Mr. Gerken added that Cuyahoga Falls does more conservation issues than any other member community.

***The Committee recommended bringing out Temp. Ord. B-115 for approval.***

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.