

Cuyahoga Falls City Council

Minutes of the Public and Industrial Improvements Committee Meeting November 28, 2005

Chair: George Potts; Vice Chair: Mary Ellen Pyke; Member: Don Walters

Mr. Potts called the Public and Industrial Improvements Committee to order at 6:40 p.m. All members of Committee were present.

Scheduled legislation:

B-168	An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to grant a license to NeoReach Wireless, Inc for the use of a portion of the City's property for the purpose of conducting a pilot program for wireless services, and declaring an emergency.
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The city has been approached by NeoReach who is a company that wants to place wireless services on our poles. This will be a mesh network where our police can have continuous access throughout the city. In return, they can use our poles. We can in turn, use seamless access to our network. The residents of Cuyahoga Falls will have the opportunity to purchase wireless through NeoReach. This ordinance will allow NeoReach to create a pilot and access our infrastructure around the downtown area. This will also include Fire Station #1. The applications of the fire department are to research floor plans on the way to a fire. Laptops and PDA's can be updated on site. Home access will be inside and outside of the city/homes and you can use it throughout the city. During the 90-day pilot, the businesses and residential cost will be free. If all goes well, they could have this done by Fall 2006 for all of our residents. Mr. Walters asks if this is just the transmitter what do we do in parts of the city where there are no poles? Mr. Konich indicates there are ways to disguise. Monthly service is \$15-\$20. It also has an option for 2 hours of service for free. It is like a dial up 56 K modem, so it is slow and for the people who just check their email and not download a lot. The utility poles are enough and the transmitter unit is about the size of a breadbox with an antenna from 6-12 inches. Mr. Gorbach asks about broadband. Mr. Konich indicates it will be available. They have a hospitality price by hours.

Tom Sullivan, 447 Sullivan, asks if residents and MDT used by the police department will be a thing of the past? Mr. Konich indicates they will not be replaced.

The committee recommends bringing out Temp. Ord. B-168

B-169	An Ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract or contracts, according to law, for the purchase of LED lights for citywide installation, and declaring emergency.
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Mr. Brodzinski indicates this is complete replacement of all streetlights in the city with LED's. It was budgeted for and with all the pieces and parts, some needed to go out to state bid. Now we are going to purchase the pieces and parts off state bid. The remaining piece of the LED project will be back in the budget for 2006. We will assemble them in house and save some money in that sense.

The committee recommends bringing out Temp. Ord. B-169

B-170	An Ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract or contracts, according to law, for improvements to the storm and sanitary sewers on Jennings Avenue, Phase I, and declaring an emergency.
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Mrs. Demasi indicates this storm sewer carries much of the water and surcharge of the Victor flow and causes flooding. The first phase will be 340 feet of lined sewers and Jennings sanitary sewer will also be replaced.

The committee recommends bringing out Temp. Ord. B-170

Held legislation:

B-146	AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT OR CONTRACTS, ACCORDING TO LAW, FOR THE REBUILD OF HOLLYWOOD AVENUE UNDERGROUND DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
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The PUBLIC AND INDUSTRIAL IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE meeting adjourned at 7 p.m.