

Cuyahoga Falls City Council

Minutes of the PUBLIC AND INDUSTRIAL IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE Meeting

February 17, 2004

Chair: George Potts; Vice Chair: Mary Ellen Pyke; Member: Don Walters
All Members present.

Mr. Potts called the Public and Industrial Improvements Committee to order at 6:32 p.m. All members of Committee were present. The minutes of February 2, 2004 were approved as submitted.

Scheduled legislation:

A-34	An Ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract or contracts, according to law, for the annual resurfacing and/or repair of various streets as described in exhibit 'A', attached hereto, in the City of Cuyahoga Falls and declaring an emergency.
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Peter Bell indicates he has distributed the new street list for resurfacing this year. The streets include Munroe Falls Avenue to Portage Trail. George indicates that Meredith Lane needs removed since water lines are potentially going to go in. It would be silly to tear it up twice. Fairview Place should be included on the new exhibit 'A' at line 101. Mary Ellen thanks the administration for allowing the council members to add streets to this ordinance. Kathy Hummel requests a scheduled for Munroe Falls Avenue and would like to leave it alone until Front Street is done. Carol asks how much money is going into the rebuild for Munroe Falls Avenue and Valerie indicates it is approximately \$400,000. Valerie indicates a more thorough evaluation of the streets will be done due to the icy winter and buckling that is beginning to occur. Valerie indicates that Chuck works with the Administration closely with the increased number of sump pumps continuously moving water out from the homes onto the streets. New subdivisions must contain sump pumps and go directly into the storm sewers, however many of the older homes dump directly onto the street. Virgil indicates the city is not liable for ice that forms at the street that can cause back up to home sump pumps. Don Nelsch, North Haven Blvd., questions that several businesses are concerned about Munroe Falls Avenue resurfacing. Mr. Bell indicates that notices will be sent when the schedule is identified to the resurfacing.

The committee recommends bringing out Temp. Ord. A-34.

A-35	An Ordinance approving the form and authorizing the execution of a joint venture agreement creating Ohio Municipal Electric Generating Agency Joint Venture 6 by the City of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio with other Ohio municipalities and taking certain other actions in connection therewith.
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Mark Gertin and Pam Sullivan with Amp Ohio showed PowerPoint presentation on the JV6 Wind Turbine Project. They have currently assembled two turbines in Bowling Green at a landfill. They stand about 400 feet tall. This turbine's technology is good for 20 years and takes two months for installation. The center of the hub is at 250 ft. while the wind evaluation was performed at 120 ft. The project costs based on short term financing at 1.5% will be around \$51.40 MWh. There are several other communities that are in the process of joining the JV6 Project including: City of Napoleon, City of Oberlin, Village of Monroeville, Village of Edgerton, and Village of Pioneer. The only ones in Ohio are located on the Lake Erie Shore. These are the largest units this side of the Mississippi River. We do the maintenance and warranty work and check the turbines twice a year. From an economic standpoint, these turbines are very good at \$.05 MWh. Mary Ellen expresses that since more communities are now involved, this is more appealing to us. The cost of the project is estimated at 2.4 million dollars (1340 x 1800). The price is slightly higher than proposed last year but the capital costs will be slightly less than what was first proposed. Carol asks if the range of kilowatts on line 109 will be filled in on the ordinance. Mr. Gertin states the turbines on I-80 aren't as tall in Pennsylvania due to the mountains. Tim asks what financial impact this will have on our customers. The power will offset pool power that we buy at three times this rate. Valerie indicates there will be no price increase as a result of this project and we budgeted for monitoring during the budget process.

The committee recommends bringing out Temp. Ord. A-35

A-36	An Ordinance approving the form and authorizing the execution of a financing agreement by the City of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio with American Municipal Power-Ohio, Inc. and taking certain other actions in connection therewith.
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Bob Bye, Superintendent of the Electric Department indicates this is a companion ordinance to process the financing of the previous ordinance on JV6 Turbine project.

The committee recommends bringing out Temp. Ord. A-36

Held legislation:

B-35- 2003 An ordinance authorizing and directing the execution of a wind energy purchase schedule to an agreement with American Municipal Power-Ohio, Inc. and declaring an emergency.

The PUBLIC AND INDUSTRIAL IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.