

**Cuyahoga Falls City Council**  
**Minutes of the Finance and Appropriations Committee Meeting**

**July 19, 2021**

**Members:** Tim Gorbach, Chair  
Mary Nichols-Rhodes  
Jeff Iula

Mr. Gorbach called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. All members were present.

**Legislation Discussed**

Temp. Ord. B-55

Temp. Ord. B-56

Temp. Ord. B-57

**Discussion:**

**Temp. Ord. B-55**

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract or contracts, according to law, for the demolition of a building located at 2352 Second Street and removal of demolition debris, and certifying the cost thereof to the County Fiscal Officer for collection in the manner provided by law, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Tony Demasi, City Engineer, presented Temporary Ordinance B-55 to Council. Council will find and determine that the following described structure is insecure, unsafe, and structurally defective within the meaning of Ohio Revised Code Section 715.26, and dangerous buildings within the meaning of Chapter 1343 of the Summit County Codified Ordinances: 2352 Second Street. The Director of Public Service will be authorized to enter into a contract or contracts, according to law, for the demolition of the dangerous buildings listed above, and removal of debris therefrom. The Finance Director will be authorized to make payment for same from the Capital Projects Fund, Line Item Capital Outlay. In accordance with the Ohio Revised Code Section 715.261, the Finance Director will be directed to certify the costs of demolition and debris removal to the Clerk of Council who shall then certify the same to the Summit County Fiscal Officer for placement thereof on the tax duplicate together with interest and penalties provided by law.

Mr. Gorbach asked if they have received any correspondence from the property owner up to this date. Mr. Demasi stated that, in 2017, the Housing Division did meet with the homeowner. He was looking to make some repairs. Since that time, there was a bankruptcy and a foreclosure filed. Mr. Gorbach stated that he saw that there was a bankruptcy on the Summit County website. The property taxes are paid up, which is usually the case in situations like that. Mr. Demasi stated that the bank may be paying them.

Mr. Iula moved to bring out Temp. Ord. B-55 with a favorable recommendation, second by Ms. Nichols-Rhodes. Motion passed (3-0).

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**Temp. Ord. B-56**

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract or contracts, without competitive bidding, with Independent Diesel Service for the maintenance and repair of City diesel electric generators, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Michael Dougherty, Electric Superintendent, presented Temporary Ordinance B-56 to Council. The City has nine diesel electric generators that are used for emergencies and peak shaving. The generators need periodic maintenance and repairs. Independent Diesel Service (IDS) provides proprietary diesel generator services and repairs. Although no specific expenditure for maintenance and repairs has individually exceeded the threshold competitive bidding amount to date, collectively the expenditures may soon exceed the competitive bidding amount of \$50,000.

The Director of Public Service will be authorized to enter into a contract or contracts, without competitive bidding, with Independent Diesel Service for the maintenance and repair of City diesel electric generators in a total amount not to exceed \$95,000 for the 2021 fiscal year. The Director of Finance will be authorized to make payment for same from the Electric Fund, Line Item Other Operations.

Ms. Nichols-Rhodes moved to bring out Temp. Ord. B-56 with a favorable recommendation, second by Mr. Iula. Motion passed (3-0).

**Temp. Ord. B-57**

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract or contracts, without competitive bidding, with QEI for enhancements to, maintenance of, and support services for the Electric Department Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) system, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Michael Dougherty, Electric Superintendent, presented Temporary Ordinance B-57 to Council. The City has a Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) system with software licensed by QEI. QEI provides maintenance and support for the SCADA system. The City wishes to enhance the SCADA system by installing a backup master station and allow the system to be monitored on mobile devices. Although no specific expenditure for these enhancements, maintenance, and support services have individually exceeded the threshold competitive bidding amount to date, collectively these expenditures may soon exceed the competitive bidding amount of \$50,000.

The Director of Public Service will be authorized to enter into a contract or contracts, without competitive bidding, with QEI for enhancements to, maintenance of, and support services for the Electric Department Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) system in a total amount not to exceed \$75,000 for the 2021 fiscal year. The Director of Finance will be authorized to make payment for same from the Electric Fund, Line Item Capital Outlay.

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Mr. Gorbach stated that the expenditures in the last ordinance, as well as this one, are in the budget. Mr. Dougherty made a reference to being over \$50,000. When that happens, Council needs to get involved and give approval.

Mr. Iula moved to bring out Temp. Ord. B-57 with a favorable recommendation, second by Ms. Nichols-Rhodes. Motion passed (3-0).

The meeting adjourned at 6:37 p.m.