

Cuyahoga Falls City Council
Minutes of the Public & Industrial Improvements Committee

May 2, 2022

Members: Meika Penta, Chair
Frank Stams
Adam Miller

Mrs. Penta called the meeting to order at 6:43 p.m. All members were present.

The minutes of April 18, 2022, Public Improvements Committee were approved as written.

Legislation Discussed:

Temp. Ord. A-47

Discussion:

Temp. Ord. A-47

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract or contracts, without competitive bidding, with Ohio Drilling Company Inc. for the inspection, cleaning, and associated repairs for City Well #5, and Well #21 for the Water Division, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Russ Kring, Water Utilities Superintendent, presented Temporary Ordinance B-47 to Council. The repair work identified during inspection needs to be completed in conjunction with cleaning to put each well back in service as soon as possible. Ohio Drilling has performed work on the City's drinking water wells since at least 1937. The City's goal is to establish a regular cycle for inspecting, cleaning and repairing each of the 18 drinking water wells. The Director of Public Service will be authorized to enter into a contract or contracts, without competitive bidding, with Ohio Drilling Company Inc. for the inspection, cleaning, and associated repairs for City Well #5 and Well #21 for the Water Division. The Director of Finance will be authorized to make payment for same from the Water Fund, Line Item Other Operations for the inspection and cleaning, and Capital Outlay for the repairs.

Mrs. Penta stated that Wells #5 and #21 are in the Waterworks area.

Mr. Gorbach asked if these are rebuilt kits, or is there any warranty with the type of rehab described that they are doing to these wells. Mr. Kring stated that there are no real warranties, but these wells are between 80 and 150 feet deep, so they pull the casing pipe. Usually, this price includes replacement of the casing pipe because they last six to eight years. The motor would be a rebuild. They would give them some type of a guarantee on the motor if something were to happen to it after they repair it. There is not a written warranty, but that is the reason they use Ohio Drilling. Ohio Drilling has drilled most of the wells out there and have been doing this for a long time. They do a good job of standing by their work. They have never had any issues with repair work on the ones they have done in the past.

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Mr. Stams asked if they could get some guarantees from other companies if they were to offer competitive bidding. Mr. Kring stated that Ohio Drilling is so familiar with the wells out there. They have had a really good history of their wells and they have kept records of them. They used a different company in early 2000, but when a company is working on another company's work, which tends to lead to issues. That is why they try to stick with Ohio Drilling, because they have the history of the City's wells that they can lean on when they are doing the repairs. They are relying on their history with these wells to provide the City a better service than they may get from somebody who is not as familiar with them.

Mrs. Penta asked Mr. Kring if he would have any hesitation to use Ohio Drilling. Mr. Kring stated that they are a very reputable company. They have been around for 100 years, and they have always been happy with their work.

Mr. Miller moved to bring out Temp. Ord. A-47 with a favorable recommendation, second by Mr. Stams. Motion passed (3-0).

The meeting adjourned at 6:49 p.m.