

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

April 3, 2023

Members: Mary Nichols-Rhodes, Chair
Tim Gorbach
Adam Miller

Ms. Nichols-Rhodes called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m. Mr. Miller was absent.

The minutes of the March 20, 2023 Finance Committee meeting were approved as written.

Legislation Discussed

Temp. Ord. B-29

Temp. Ord. B-30

Discussion:

Temp. Ord. B-29

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract or contracts, without competitive bidding, with Bell Equipment Company to purchase a used rear load sanitation truck, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Gerard Crawford, City Garage, presented Temporary Ordinance B-29 to Council. The Street Division is in need of an additional rear load sanitation truck. Bell Equipment Company is able to deliver the equipment in a timely manner.

The Director of Public Service will be authorized to enter into a contract or contracts, without competitive bidding, with Bell Equipment Company to purchase a used rear load sanitation truck. The Director of Finance will be authorized to make payment for same out of the Sanitation Fund, Line Item Capital Outlay.

Mr. Crawford stated that truck is a 2017 Mack. It is going to be used to replace Number 814 which is a 2011. That was taken out of service last year because of extensive repairs that were required.

Ms. Nichols-Rhodes stated that Number 814 is out of service and is going to be auctioned, and that is probably what is going to happen with Number 812 by the end of year. Mr. Crawford stated that this is correct. They will be looking for another truck next year. Ms. Nichols-Rhodes stated that the cost at auction could be anywhere from \$7,000 because some private hauler might be interested in them for parts. Mr. Crawford stated that the trucks are only good for parts, especially Number 814. Ms. Nichols-Rhodes stated that the estimated cost for the new truck is \$124,615. It has been budgeted for \$170,000, so it's well under budget and that is appreciated.

Mr. Brillhart stated that he had the opportunity to speak to Mr. Crawford today and it is refreshing and reassuring they can make a well thought-out purchase that will serve the City well.

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Mr. Gorbach moved to bring out Temp. Ord. B-29 with a favorable recommendation, second by Ms. Nichols-Rhodes. Motion passed (2-0).

Temp. Ord. B-30

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract or contracts, without competitive bidding, with Sherman and Reilly Inc. for the purchase of braking reel trailer equipment, appurtenances, and services, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Rod Troxell, Electric Superintendent, presented Temporary Ordinance B-30 to Council. The City of Cuyahoga Falls Electrical Division currently has three Sherman and Reilly Inc. braking reel trailers. One of these trailers needs to be replaced. Sherman and Reilly Inc. is the sole source provider of this equipment, related appurtenances and services.

The Director of Public Service will be hereby authorized to enter into a contract or contracts with Sherman and Reilly Inc. for the purchase of braking reel trailer equipment, appurtenances and services for use by the Electrical Division. The Director of Finance will be authorized to make payment for same out of the Electric Fund, Line Item Capital Outlay.

Mr. Troxell stated that this piece of equipment is used for pulling in or out overhead and underground wire. They are going to replace one of the old Sherman and Reilly units. They will put the older unit up for auction, but he doesn't know what they will get for it. It is old, but they tend to sell well.

Ms. Nichols-Rhodes stated that there are three pieces of this equipment that the City owns and Sherman and Reilly are the only providers of this equipment. Mr. Troxell stated that they can get breaking reels from other plants. They have done their homework, and Sherman and Reilly's equipment is built to last. They have a good bearing system, so when they are putting in wire and pulling it out, they don't have to worry about it failing and the trailer tipping over. They have discussed this with communities that have used the other companies and Sherman and Reilly is definitely the way to go.

Ms. Nichols-Rhodes stated that this equipment is going to cost \$65,290 and the Electric Fund Capital Fund outlay was budgeted for \$80,000, so, once again, it is under budget.

Mr. Gorbach moved to bring out Temp. Ord. B-30 with a favorable recommendation, second by Ms. Nichols-Rhodes . Motion passed (2-0).

The meeting adjourned at 6:46 p.m.