

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

**June 19, 2023**

**Members:** Mary Nichols-Rhodes, Chair  
Mike Brillhart  
Adam Miller

Ms. Nichols-Rhodes called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m. All members were present.

The minutes of the June 5, 2023 Finance Committee meeting were approved as written.

**Legislation Discussed**

Temp. Ord. B-57

Temp. Ord. B-58

**Discussion:**

**Temp. Ord. B-57**

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract or contracts, after publicly advertising for bids, with a company or companies for the maintenance and repair of City diesel electric generators through 2023 and 2024, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Joseph Crtalic, General Foreman, Electric Department, presented Temporary Ordinance B-57 to Council. The City has nine diesel generators that are used for emergencies and when electricity demand is high. The diesel generators require periodic maintenance and repairs. It is costly to have inoperable generators during peaks in electricity demand.

The Director of Public Service will be authorized to enter into a contract or contracts, after publicly advertising for bids, with a company or companies for the maintenance and repair of City diesel electric generators through 2023 and 2024. The Director of Finance will be authorized to make payment for same from the Electric Fund, Line Item Other Operations and Line Item Capital Outlay.

Ms. Nichols-Rhodes stated that she had e-mailed Mr. Troxell and asked what expected repairs there were and how often these are done in the past. He stated to her that, most of the time, they discover things that need to be repaired while performing routine maintenance. This is estimated to cost \$150,000. Last year, it was \$158,000. The expectation is to spend \$50,000 in 2023 and \$10,000 in 2024.

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

**Temp. Ord. B-58**

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract or contracts, after publicly advertising for bids, for overhead line clearance services including tree maintenance, tree

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and brush removal services, and mowing, for a period not to exceed three years, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Joseph Crtalic, General Foreman, Electric Department, presented Temporary Ordinance B-58 to Council. The Director of Public Service will be authorized to enter into a contract or contracts, after publicly advertising for bids, for overhead line clearance services, including tree maintenance, tree and brush removal services, and mowing, for a period not to exceed three years. The Director of Finance will be authorized and directed to make payment for same from the Electric Fund, Line Item Other Operations.

Mr. Crtalic stated that The Davey Tree Company has been performing this work for the City. They clear all the lines and also respond to any emergency calls concerning trees and storm damage, enabling the City to operate the system and keep outages as short as possible to get people back to power. This contract also includes mowing near electrical sites.

Ms. Nichols-Rhodes stated that there is a list that starts with certain areas where they are working on projects. Her friend had told her about some trees that were leaning against some wires, and that was added to the list. She wanted to let other Council people know that if they are aware of something, they can let the Electric Department know. The estimated cost is \$1,128,000. Last year, it was \$1,014,469.73. They have started recently to do separate bidding for mowing versus tree clearing.

Mr. Brillhart moved to bring out Temp. Ord. B-58 with a favorable recommendation, second by Mr. Miller. Motion passed (3-0).

The meeting adjourned at 6:44 p.m.