

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

March 4, 2024

Members: Mary Nichols-Rhodes, Chair
Mike Brillhart, Vice Chair
Meika Penta, Brian Ashton, Joe Siegfert

Ms. Nichols-Rhodes called the meeting to order at 6:47 p.m. All members were present.

The minutes of the January 16, 2024 and February 20, 2024 Finance Committee Meetings were approved as written.

Legislation Discussed

Temp. Ord. A-32

Temp. Ord. A-33

Discussion:

Temp. Ord. A-32

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract or contracts, according to law, for the purchase of a new electric department line truck, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Rod Troxell, Electric Superintendent, presented Temporary Ordinance A-32 to Council. The Director of Public Service will be authorized to enter into a contract or contracts, according to law, for the purchase of a new Electric Department Line Truck. The Director of Finance will be authorized to increase appropriations in the Electric Fund, Line Item Capital Outlay by \$413,000 and to make payment from the same.

Mr. Troxell stated that this is the truck they were going to purchase last year when Council approved the budget to purchase it. They tried through a couple different companies to get the bids. Not only were the lead times long, but the bid times were long as well. They found one at the end of the year, but it was not quite complete and they did not have time to get everything through, so they did away with it. They were able to move funds this year. This is going to replace a truck that was purchased in 2004-2005. It is going to be an F-750 crew cab. The F-750 is a smaller footprint, so it does well on the streets and alleys.

Ms. Nichols-Rhodes stated that the cost of this truck is \$412,521 and it is expected to last 10 years. Mr. Troxell stated that they try to make it last at least 10 years. They usually go a little bit longer. Ms. Nichols-Rhodes asked how long will it be before they could get the truck. Mr. Troxell stated two years.

Mr. Brillhart moved to bring out Temp. Ord. A-32 with a favorable recommendation, second by Mr. Siegfert. Motion passed (5-0).

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Temp. Ord. A-33

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract or contracts, according to law, for the purchase of furniture for the new electric department building and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Rod Troxell, Electric Superintendent, presented Temporary Ordinance A-33 to Council. The Director of Public Service will be authorized to enter into a contract or contracts, according to law, for the purchase of furniture for the new electric department building. The prices have been obtained using State Contract. The Director of Finance will be authorized to make payment for the same from the Electric Fund Line Item Capital Outlay.

Mr. Troxell stated that, last year, it was decided that they would pull the furniture package away from the general contractor and do it in house. They met with a company called E4B, Environments 4 Business out of Fairlawn. They looked at the furniture package. They are part of the State contract, meaning that the State bids this, so they don't have to go out for public bid. Some items were not covered on the State contract, so those were pulled and are going out to bid. The budget for the total furniture package was \$160,000. They believe they will be under budget for that. The package is \$110,378.50.

Mr. Brillhart moved to bring out Temp. Ord. A-33 with a favorable recommendation, second by Mr. Siegferth. Motion passed (5-0).

The meeting adjourned at 6:54 p.m.