

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

January 21, 2025

Members: Meika Penta, Chair
Frank Stams, Vice Chair
Gary DeRemer, Jerry James, Rachel Loza

Mrs. Penta called the meeting to order at 6:37 p.m. Mr. Stams was absent.

The minutes of the November 18, 2024 Public Improvements Committee meeting were approved as written.

Legislation Discussed:

Temp. Ord. B-2

Temp. Ord. B-3

Discussion:

Temp. Ord. B-2

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract or contracts, according to law, with Osborn Engineering for professional engineering services for the resurfacing of Bailey Road from Front Street to Graham Road, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Tony Demasi, City Engineer, presented Temporary Ordinance B-2 to Council. The City followed the procedures set forth in Ohio Revised Code Sections 153.65 to 153.73 in selecting a professional design services firm to assist with the resurfacing of Bailey Road, from Front Street to Graham Road;. After review of all the proposals submitted to the City, Osborn Engineering was selected as the most qualified for the project.

The Director of Public Service will be authorized to enter into a contract or contracts, according to law, with Osborn Engineering for professional engineering services for the resurfacing of Bailey Road, from Front Street to Graham Road. The Director of Finance will be authorized to make payment for the same from the Capital Projects Fund, Line Item, Capital Outlay.

Mr. Demasi stated that, in 2022, the City received an award of a grant for \$700,000 from AMATS funds to resurface Bailey Road from Front Street to Graham Road. The grant will help pay 80 percent of the cost of the project, which is scheduled for construction in 2027. Late last year, the City received letters of interest and statements of qualifications from six consulting firms for the design of the resurfacing project. After reviewing the submittals, the City selected Osborn Engineering to complete the final design. Osborne Engineering has 13 offices across 5 states, and this project will be managed using their Akron and Cleveland offices. Over the last few weeks, they have been in discussion with Osborn to develop a scope and a fee. Their fee will be \$94,000

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for this project. Final design should be complete by the fall of this year. This was a budgeted item in their Capital Program this year.

Mr. James moved to bring out Temp. Ord. B-2 with a favorable recommendation, second by Ms. Loza. Motion passed (4-0).

Temp. Ord. B-3

An ordinance authorizing the director of public service to enter into a contract or contracts, according to law, with GAI Consultants for professional engineering services for the resurfacing of Munroe Falls Avenue, from Bailey Road to the last corporation limits, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Tony Demasi, City Engineer, presented Temporary Ordinance B-3 to Council. The City followed the procedures set forth in Ohio Revised Code Sections 153.65 to 153.73 in selecting a professional design services firm to assist with the resurfacing of Munroe Falls Avenue, from Bailey Road to the last corporation limits. After review of all the proposals submitted to the City, GAI Consultants was selected as the most qualified for the project.

The Director of Public Service will be authorized to enter into a contract or contracts, according to law, with GAI Consultants for professional engineering services for the resurfacing of Munroe Falls Avenue, from Bailey Road to the last corporation limits.. The Director of Finance will be authorized to make payment for the same from the Capital Projects Fund, Line Item, Capital Outlay.

Mr. Demasi stated that, in January of last year, the City was awarded \$855,000 in AMATS funds to resurface Munroe Falls Avenue from Bailey Road to the city limits just past Issaquah Street. This grant will pay 84 percent of the cost of the project. This project is scheduled for construction in 2028. They went out for statements of qualifications and six companies submitted their qualifications. Of those, they selected GAI Consultants for the final design. GAI has 20 offices across 12 states, and this project will be managed using their Canton office. Their fee after negotiations will be \$89,824.58. Final design will also be done later this year. The last time this section of Munroe Falls Avenue was paved was 2008. The last time Bailey Road was paved was 2012, so they are both in need of paving.

Mrs. Penta stated that this was budgeted and there is grant money that is helping. Both projects are in the beginning stages. It is going to take some time, but it is something to look forward to being completed in the next few years.

Mr. James moved to bring out Temp. Ord. B-2 with a favorable recommendation, second by Ms. Loza. Motion passed (4-0).

The meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m.