

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

July 15, 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 6:30 p.m. Mrs. Penta was absent.

The minutes of the May 20, 2024 and July 1, 2024 Finance Committee meetings were approved as written.

Legislation Discussed

Temp. Ord. A-61

Discussion:

Temp. Ord. A-61

An ordinance authorizing the Mayor or his designee to enter into a contract or contracts with Atlantic Emergency Solutions for the purchase of Hurst Tool extrication equipment used by the Fire Department, and declaring an emergency.

Chief Martin presented Temporary Ordinance A-61 to Council. The purchase of this equipment is through HGAC Contract FS 12-23, a cooperative purchasing agreement, which allows the City to purchase necessary emergency response equipment efficiently and cost-effectively.

The Mayor or his designee will be authorized to enter into a contract or contracts with Atlantic Emergency Solutions for the purchase of Hurst Tool extrication equipment used by the Fire Department. The Director of Finance will be authorized to make payment for same from the Capital Projects Fund, Line Item Capital Outlay.

Chief Martin stated that this is equipment commonly known as the jaws of life. They are extrication tools that are mostly used in motor vehicle accidents. The current units are starting to age and get to the end of their life. This purchase enables all of their trucks to get top-of-the-line rescue tools. Special Operations also use these tools for forceful entries. Because they are battery operated, they are utilized more because they are easier to use.

Ms. Nichols-Rhodes stated that they have a budgeted amount of \$120,000 and these are coming in at \$114,800. They last about 15 years. Battery-operated equipment is superior. There are a number of vendors, but the Fire Department trusts Hurst Tool and have used them before.

Mr. Balthis asked if this equipment is just on fire trucks or fire trucks and EMS squads. Chief Martin stated that they are on all of their front-line fire apparatus. They are also hoping to outfit the new rescue truck. This equipment is too large to for med units, but every truck has one.

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Mr. Brillhart moved to bring out Temp. Ord. A-61 with a favorable recommendation, second by Mr. Siegferth. Motion passed (4-0).

The meeting adjourned at 6:34 p.m.