

RULES & ORDINANCES COMMITTEE MINUTES
February 1, 2005

The Rules & Ordinances Committee meeting was held on February 1, 2005, at North Royalton City Hall, 13834 Ridge Road. The meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m.

Present: Committee Members: Denise Bobulsky, Donald Willey; Neil Price, Paula Recker.

Absent: Chair Robin Zaccardelli

Mr. Willey moved to approve the minutes from January 4, 2005, seconded by Mrs. Bobulsky. 2 yeas/0 nays. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **Bid process**

Mr. Willey moved to send this to Finance Committee, seconded by Mrs. Bobulsky. 2 yeas/0 nays. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Proposed Ordinances 05-5 & 05-6, purchase of police vehicles.**

This was requested to be discussed tonight as there is a deadline for the purchases of the vehicles. Mr. Willey said according to the information given the deadline was with the Ford Motor Company. One Ordinance is for Chevy Impalas and one is for Ford Expedition. Mrs. Bobulsky said that there is a request for discussion in light of the deadline; appropriations were approved; it is coming from the Police Levy Fund; the money is there; and there was an incident with two vehicles. Mr. Willey said that one vehicle is already repaired. Mr. Willey said he asked that this be discussed in Finance because the budget is due soon with all the anticipated requests. If under budget review there are other priorities then that would be better known at that time. The temporary budget is approved to run the city for the first three months. Capital expenditures, unless an emergency, are usually not done. While he voted in favor of the temporary budget, he anticipated reviewing the budget before any significant requests were made. Mrs. Bobulsky said we will receive the budget before the purchase deadline. The cars in the first quarter are replacements. It is a concern if we do not keep the fleet in top notch condition. Understanding the needs of all departments, she feels it is important to move on this tonight. Mr. Willey said he still sees many cars parked in the police lot and wonders why we have all these cars if they are just parked there. They used to down shift them to other departments. He wonders why we cannot get more mileage out of these cars since they have 100,000 mile warranty. The total cost of the vehicles for consideration tonight is about \$135,000 to 160,000. Divide that by 3 years, which is about what each car lasts, gives about \$40,000-50,000 per year. Mrs. Bobulsky said that in terms of the Police Levy Fund this is not something that should be nickled and dimed. Mr. Willey said he would ask for a transportation analysis of the vehicles, what we have, mileage and maintenance. We pay for 100,000 mile warranty. Mrs. Bobulsky moved to send this to the floor of Council for a vote at the Council meeting, seconded by Mr. Willey. 2 yeas/0 nays. Motion carried.

2. **Mailbox replacements and rubbish container replacements.**

It was questioned if the same people are losing mailboxes and if another replacement style would last longer. If it is the same box going down is it a plowing/road configuration problem, or if the boxes are going down on rural type streets or main streets. Some mailboxes were not damaged by snow plows rather by snow and these are not replaced. Mr. Willey moved that this be referred to Streets Committee in order that the Service Director will provide additional information, seconded by Mrs. Bobulsky. 2 yeas/0 nays. Mr. Willey will discuss information requested with Mr. Mayer.

Mrs. Bobulsky moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Willey. 2 yeas/0 nays. Meeting adjourned at 6:54 p.m.