

ORDINANCE NO. C-5-82

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH OTHER MUNICIPALITIES TO OBTAIN EVIDENCE AND INFORMATION TO OPPOSE THE RATE INCREASE REQUESTED BY THE OHIO BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY

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WHEREAS, there is a need to protect the residents of the City of Grove City and the City Government itself against an unreasonable increase in the rates which the Ohio Bell Telephone Company is seeking by virtue of an application filed by the Ohio Bell Telephone Company in the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio under Formal Case No. 81-486-TP- AIR, and that opposition to said rate increase is for the preservation of peace, health and welfare; and

WHEREAS, telephone service is a necessity of urban life; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio Bell Telephone Company is the principal supplier of telephone service in the City of Grove City, Ohio; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio Bell Telephone Company has filed an application for an increase in rates of \$125 million; and

WHEREAS, the proposed increase should be examined in the greatest possible detail to determine the fairness, equity, and need for the increase in particular types of service; and

WHEREAS, a number of cities throughout Ohio have joined in objection to this increase being granted, and determined to retain special counsel and consultants to do so; and

WHEREAS, the City of Grove City's share in this expense is based on population; and

WHEREAS, this Council, in the exercise of its sound discretion, deems such an expenditure to be for a public purpose and the public interest;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GROVE CITY, STATE OF OHIO, THAT

SECTION 1. The Mayor of the City of Grove City, on behalf of the City of Grove City, be and he is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with other municipalities within the State of Ohio to investigate, analyze and put forth evidence with regard to the current Ohio Bell Telephone rate proceeding, Case No. 81-436-TP-AIR, whereby the City of Grove City shall furnish the sum of \$800.00 for the purpose of employing consultants and expert witnesses who will secure and furnish necessary technical information to assist Grove City in opposing the rate increase requested by the Ohio Bell Telephone Company, which effort will inure to the benefit of the peace, health and general welfare of the citizens of Grove City, the Grove City Government and the general business community.

SECTION 2. The Mayor is hereby authorized to authorize the Public Utilities Commissioner of Akron as lead counsel and the Columbus City Attorney or his designate to serve as special legal representatives for purposes of

unexpended fund, said amount being \$99.34, from the escrow account fund created for participation the last Ohio Bell Telephone rate increase application, Case No. 79-1184-TP-AIR, to an escrow account fund created for participation in the current Ohio Bell Telephone Company rate increase application, Case No. 81-436-TP-AIR; provided that expenditure of the City of Grove City's pro rata share shall not be authorized until the funds appropriated by Section 3 of this ordinance have been authorized to be disbursed by this Council.

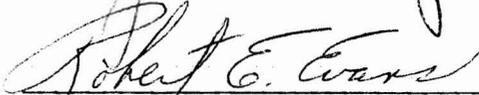
SECTION 5. This ordinance shall take effect at the earliest opportunity allowed by law.

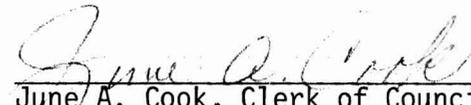
Submitted: 2/1/82

Passed: 2/15/82

Effective: 3/17/82

  
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Acting President of Council

  
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Robert E. Evans, Mayor

Attest:   
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June A. Cook, Clerk of Council

I Certify that this ordinance is correct as to form.

  
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R.E. Gunderman, Director of Law

I Certify that there is in the treasury the amount of money to pay the within ordinance.

  
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Robert E. Behlen, Director of Finance