

Public Safety Committee

10/23/2019

Chair: Matt Whitcomb

Committee Members Present: Scott Tommola, Melinda Humphry

Other's Present: President Davis, treasurer Markowski, Aldermen Clifford, Etori, fire fighter's Kenyon, Robillard, Shattock, Roy, Goodrich, Marquix, and sales representative Daniel Olszanski.

Meeting notes:

Chief Larsen provide an update that the Fire Department Apparatus committee has worked to develop the specifications for a new fire engine, and that work is now complete. Chief Larsen provided the committee with a copy of the new engines specifications for review. Chief Larsen explained that he would like to sell engine 2 and use the proceeds to purchase the newly designed engine.

Chief Larsen discussed that there is currently interest from multiple fire departments to purchase engine 2. Departments that are interested are also interested in surplus fire equipment within the city department. Chief Larsen explained that the salable equipment the fire department has is functional but not feasible for use by our fire department and is currently out of service. Chief Larsen also indicated that the departments that are interested would like to buy our engine and equipment for immediate deployment.

Alderman Clifford asked the rational for selling fire engine 2. Chief Larsen outlined that the design of engine 2 was not optimal for use in Rutland. The design is too large for Rutland City's needs which has resulted in multiple accidents and inefficiencies when used to fight fires.

President Davis inquired if the proposed transaction will be a net zero cost. Chief Larsen assured the committee that the cost would be a net zero.

Alderman Tommola asked if there was a preference between selling online or using a broker? Chief stated that both would work but online would be preferable as they likely could find an interested party with cash on hand, maximizing the amount that the department could obtain in the sale of engine 2.

Alderman Etori questioned how we make sure that we do not incur a cost. It was discussed that purchases must be authorized by the board prior to proceeding. It was also highlighted that the newly designed truck already has a locked in price, meaning that engine 2 will not be sold unless the amount is equal to or greater than the cost of the newly designed truck.

Chief Larsen discussed that the Tower Ladder to be complete in January, if there is a gap between sale and tower ladder arriving at department there is the option to obtain a loaner fire engine for which we would only owe insurance. Mutual aid could also be accessed if need in the interim.

Motion: Aldermen Tommola moved to authorize the fire department to list for sale engine 2 in order to purchase a replacement track as detailed in the provided sketch, for a price not to exceed the net revenue from the sale of engine 2. The motion passed 3-0.

Motion: Aldermen Tomlmola moved to refer fire alarm permit fees, and false fire alarm fees to the public safety committee. Motion passes 3-0

The meeting adjourned at 5:50pm.