

Salisbury, North Carolina
October 25, 2023

SPECIAL MEETING

PRESENT: Mayor Karen K. Alexander, Presiding; Mayor Pro Tem Tamara Sheffield, Council Members Harry McLaughlin, David Post, and Anthony Smith; City Manager Jim Greene, Jr., City Clerk Connie B. Snyder; and City Attorney J. Graham Corriher.

ABSENT: None.

Salisbury City Council met in Council Chambers in City Hall located at 217 South Main Street. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Alexander at 4:00 p.m.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Thereupon, Mayor Pro Tem Sheffield made a **motion** to adopt the Agenda as presented. Mayor Alexander, Mayor Pro Tem Sheffield and Councilmembers McLaughlin, Post and Smith voted AYE. (5-0)

NEW FIRE APPARATUS

Fire Chief Bob Parnell and Finance Director Wade Furches addressed Council regarding the purchase of new fire apparatus and issuing a purchase order in the amount of \$4,284,037. City Manager Jim Greene noted a price increase from the manufacturer is expected in November. He stated the purchase was included in the budget, but the City received state grant funding that could possibly be used to pay for the fire apparatus rather than financing them.

Chief Parnell noted the fire apparatus will be purchased from Pierce Fire Apparatus and includes two engine trucks and one ladder truck. He reviewed the specifications for the trucks, and he indicated the trucks meet National Fire Protection Association and Environmental Protection Agency standards.

Chief Parnell pointed out the trucks to be replaced are the three oldest trucks in the fleet, which are 1996, 1998, and 2002 models. Mr. Greene commented the City is getting excellent use out of its trucks, and he thanked the in-house mechanics who service them.

Mr. Furches stated the total cost for the three fire trucks is \$4,284,037 and the company offered the City a \$500,000 prepayment discount. He noted staff recommends investing the money instead of prepayment, and he pointed out the delivery time for the new fire trucks is approximately 47 months and the City would incur some risk with the prepayment option. He pointed out \$3.8 million was included in the FY2023-2024 budget which is less than the current price. He added the City received a state grant for public safety which could possibly be used to pay for the fire trucks, but staff has not yet received the grant terms. He explained the current plan is to purchase the fire trucks through financing and to determine if grant funding is a potential option. Mr. Greene thanked staff for working with the state regarding the grant.

Councilmember Post questioned if staff could offer to pay cash for the fire trucks when the grant funding is received. Mr. Furches indicated the prepayment option is good for 30 days.


Mayor Alexander asked what will happen to the older trucks. Chief Parnell explained older fire trucks are sold for scrap and the 2002 model truck could be sold online.

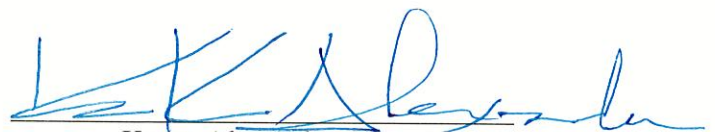
Thereupon, Mayor Pro Tem Sheffield made a **motion** to approve the purchase of new fire apparatus and to issue a purchase order in the amount of \$4,284,037. Mayor Alexander, Mayor Pro Tem Sheffield and Councilmembers McLaughlin, Post and Smith voted AYE. (5-0)

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mayor Pro Tem Sheffield. Mayor Alexander, Mayor Pro Tem Sheffield and Councilmembers McLaughlin, Post and Smith voted AYE. (5-0)

The meeting was adjourned at 4:18 p.m.


Connie B. Snyder, City Clerk


Karen Alexander, Mayor