MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD 9/15/2020
Mayor Sean Simmons
5:30 p.m.

Council Members: Jennifer Dunaway, Mark Swayne, Jon Isbelle, Shannon Schrader, and Josh Tilley

Absent: Doug Donner

Staff: City Administrator-Ryan Smathers, Clerk-Janet R. Montambo, Treasurer-Donna Wilson and Fire Chief-Jon Hoyt

Media: Elizabeth Morgan

Possible Purchase Orofino Fire Department Brush Truck
The Council received three quotes on Crew cab Pick-ups from three various vendors. The vehicles are as follows: Used 2012 3500 HD Crew cab 4x4 with 57,005 miles for $31,995 located in North Carolina. The second quote is from Hanson Garage 2021 3500 Crew Cab with chassis for $38,311 (the 1987 truck body can be removed and refurbished, but will not look as pretty). The last quote is a fully equipped 2017 Ford 350 4x4 Truck located in New York in the amount of $99,500 Fire Chief Hoyt reported during the White Tail Loop Fire the 1987 Chevy Brush Truck broke down. While fighting a structure fire the engine died and the pump would not work. During the fire they tried to start it up and the engine heated up and the clutch would not work properly to shift it in gear. Hoyt commented when the truck cooled down they were able to drive it to the station to park it. Hoyt commented he will no longer use that vehicle to fight fire because it is not reliable. Hoyt went to Administrator Smathers and reported the Brush Truck was broke down and how can he upgrade the vehicle. The truck and equipment is old and outdated and was taken out of service for now until it can be fixed.

After Councilmember’s reviewed the quotes discussion concluded with the consensus they would prefer Fire Chief Hoyt to hold out and look for something a little newer with less miles and closer to home. In the mean time they can patch and fix the truck to use as a trade in or sell truck out as surplus. Councilmember Isbelle stated Hoyt can pick up a lease return when it’s that time of year for Contractors to trade in for a newer model, he may come across a better deal, he would just need to contact the area Dealers to put the word out. Hoyt commented he has talked to Department of Lands, Forest Service and Clearwater Potlatch Timber Protective Association and let them know he is looking for a newer Brush Truck. Councilmember’s all agreed the 1987 Brush Truck should be retired and taken out of service and fix what needs to be fixed to put it up for surplus. If and when Hoyt finds another truck that fits his needs to bring it back to the Council for approval.

ADJOURNMENT

At 5:55 p.m., Councilmember Dunaway made a MOTION to adjourn. Councilmember Tilley seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

ATTEST: Janet R. Montambo, City Clerk

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