

Official Proceedings
Special Meeting of the Board of City Commissioners
March 2, 2020 – 12:00pm
Williams County Commission Room
County Administrative Building – Williston, North Dakota

1. Roll Call of Commissioners

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Tate Cymbaluk, Chris Brostuen (via phone), Brad Bekkedahl (via phone), Deanette Piesik and Howard Klug

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Dave Tuan, Hercules Cummings, Jordon Evert and Jason Catrambone

Mayor Klug presented a quorum

CHANGES TO AGENDA: None

2. Emergency Purchase of Fire Apparatus

Jason Catrambone, Fire Chief presented the following:

The Fire Department is requesting permission to purchase a 2019 Rosenbauer 100' aerial fire apparatus. This purchase is recommended based on the unknown repair time on the 100' aerial the city currently owns. Multiple alternatives were explored prior to this recommendation. The department is proposing the purchase of a new demo unit from Rosenbauer through their dealer, Heiman Fire Equipment, who has been our dealer for all recent fire apparatus purchases. We have had extensive conversations with two other manufacturers and their dealers who also had available units that were similar in capabilities and met our need for the 100' aerial. We have assessed and evaluated the risks, contingencies, and response plan and believe the city may be at risk without the immediate availability of the unit. The city is limited in operational capabilities in the event of a fire or emergency situation that would be in the need of 100-foot aerial. The recommended Rosenbauer apparatus was the lowest priced unit available from all manufacturers with a price of \$834,879.00. There are additional costs that are currently being negotiated that include a pump heater, heat pan, lettering, and shelving. These add-on costs will be finalized at an onsite meeting and review of the apparatus this week but has been negotiated not to exceed \$885,879. This option would allow us to be in a fully operational response mode by the first week of April 2020.

Commissioner Cymbaluk wanted the public to be aware, this request is due to our current truck being hit in a recent accident.

Chief Catrambone also wanted to add that we should have more information around March 18th and know what the next step to repair our current truck will be.

Commissioner Bekkedahl asked if we have a policy that the large trucks are not dispatched on ambulance calls. Chief Catrambone answered this truck does go on most of the calls out of that station and this call was in response to smoke in a building.

Commissioner Bekkedahl was concerned about sending this equipment out on call that are not necessary.

Mayor Klug indicated this point has been noted.

Commissioner Piesik declared this an emergency matter.

Jordon Evert, City Attorney confirmed the Commission has the ability to do this, in this situation.

Motion by Cymbaluk, Seconded by Piesik to make a motion to approve the Emergency Purchase of the Rosenbauer 100' Aerial from Heiman Fire Equipment in the amount not to exceed \$885,875.00 as presented

AYE: Cymbaluk, Brostuen, Bekkedahl, Piesik and Klug

NAY: None

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: None

CARRIES: 5-0

3. Adjourned meeting at 12:05 p.m.

**Motion by Cymbaluk, Seconded by Piesik to make a motion to adjourn
UNANIMOUS BY VOICE VOTE**

**Howard Klug, President
Board of City Commissioners**

Hercules Cummings, Finance Director