

The Cannon Falls City Council met in a special session on Tuesday, June 22, 2021, in the City Council Chambers. Present were Mayor John Althoff and Council Members Bill Duncan, Mary Jill Bringgold, Matt Montgomery, Laura Kronenberger, and Steve Gesme. Council Member Derek Lundell was absent. Also in attendance were Neil Jensen, City Administrator, and Mike Althoff, Fire Chief.

Call to Order Mayor Althoff called the City Council meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

Roll Call Roll call was conducted. Council Member Lundell was absent.

Fire Truck Purchase Fire Chief Althoff provided background information. He referenced the long-term replacement schedule for the Fire Department fleet, noting a plan to purchase a fire truck in 2023. He reviewed the two-year process for building a truck. He noted that truck builders have been quoting prices far in excess of the budgeted amount of \$475,000, partially due to parts and materials shortages and other challenges resulting from the pandemic.

Chief Althoff stated that, as part of the process of developing specifications for a new truck, Custom Fire Apparatus recently brought down a demo truck. He noted that this demo truck, which is similar to the truck that would be custom built, could be modified and purchased for approximately \$444,000. He stated that several other communities are interested in purchasing the demo truck, if the City of Cannon Falls decides not to do so.

Chief Althoff stated that a replacement fire truck may not be available until 2024 or 2025. He noted that the next replacement vehicle would be a tanker truck in 2026 or 2027.

Long-term CIP impacts, if a truck is purchased in 2021, were clarified. Current Fire Department vehicles were discussed.

Chief Althoff indicated that, if the purchase is approved, the modified fire truck would be delivered in approximately two months. The necessary modifications were reviewed.

Chief Althoff stated that the Relief Association has expressed a willingness to help fund a change order, if necessary.

Council Member Duncan referenced discussion by the Finance Committee of potential funding sources.

City Administrator Jensen provided additional background information. He reviewed potential funding sources for the fire truck purchase at this time from existing accounts and discussed how this

funding would be repaid. It was discussed that State LGA funding is not expected to be cut.

Council Members expressed support for the fire truck purchase, noting the cost savings and other benefits.

A motion was made by Council Member Duncan to move forward with the purchase of the demo fire truck and the \$85,000 down payment, as discussed. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gesme. A vote was conducted, and the motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Council Member Montgomery, seconded by Council Member Duncan and unanimously carried, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Cannon Falls on the 6th day of July, 2021.

John O. Althoff, Mayor

ATTEST:

Neil L. Jensen, City Administrator