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DATE: 10-27-2025

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

AGENDA ITEM: Approve the purchase of a used tender from Johnston FD

HISTORY: The Nevada Fire Department has two tenders that are 32 years old. Our goal is to reduce the number of vehicles without lessening capabilities to address commercial, residential, rescue, and rural fire events. The department would like to replace the two aged vehicles with one more reliable and safer newer tender.

The department planned to replace the two tenders with a new 2,000-gallon tender from CJ Fouts company in 2027. The desired vehicle currently costs \$486,000 but would likely be closer to \$500,000 in 2027. However, with the new engine arriving in November, we planned to return the 1993 Freightliner back to the townships leaving the DNR 1993 Freightliner in the fleet as the sole tender. But it is old as well.

Johnston-Grimes FD posted a flyer to the state fire departments to sell their 2003 Freightliner for \$85,000. This tender is very comparable to the CJ Fouts tender at a fraction of the price. Purchasing this tender now would eventually save the city nearly \$400,000 in the future fire capital budget and likely be the last large apparatus the city would have to buy for the next 10-15 years when the ladder truck needs replacement.

Johnston-Grimes FD updated that over 30 departments inquired about the tender and they are now taking the vehicle to a bid process. The city would place a bid of \$97,868 and Nevada Firefighters Inc would add \$5,000 to the bid making our bid \$102,868, thereby increasing our likelihood of a successful bid. We planned to budget this amount for a replacement attack truck that would be put off for one year.

The rapid nature of this request was based on the short turn around for Johnston-Grimes to sell this proposed vehicle so they can move their current fleet into their new station. We physically inspected the vehicle and the reason they are selling it is because they have one tender and a very small number of places without hydrants. This vehicle has never been off a paved road. The vehicle would be in service immediately and comes with two (2) - 2,000 gallon porta-tanks valued at \$1,600 each.

OPTIONS:

1. Submit a bid for \$102,868 (City capital funds + Nevada Firefighters Inc.). If awarded pay from the fire capital budget and complete a budget amendment. Return both tenders to the rural township and DNR placing the new vehicle in service.

2. Wait until 2027 and budget for a new tender.

3. Reject all bids and have staff seek other options.

STAFF'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

The Public Safety Director and Director of Fire and EMS recommends approval of option #1. The city has worked to reduce the number of fire apparatus as a cost saving measure while maintaining appropriate resources. This was a plan the department is putting in place and this vehicle helps speed up the removal of two old vehicles from the fleet.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Administrator that Council approves Option #1.

FOR SALE

Sale price \$85,000



APPARATUS

Year: 2003

Model: MM106042S

VIN: 1FVACYC563HL92452

Mileage: 11,029

Chassis (Manufacturer): Freightliner

Engine Hours: 458

Fire Body (Manufacturer): E-One

Number of Cab Seating: 3

Length: 24' 4"

GVWR: 40,500

Height: 9' 9"

Wheelbase: 8' 3"

ENGINE

Make: Mercedes

HP: 300

Model: MBE900-300

Diesel

TRANSMISSION

Make: Allison

Model: 3000EVS

Automatic

PUMP

Make: Kubota

GPM: 400

Model: PB18-3030-LE

Pump and Roll: Yes

WATER TANK

Gallons: 2,000

Material: Steel

DISCHARGES

Driver's Side: One 2.5" / One 1.75"/Dump

Rear: Dump
Officer's Side: Dump

SUCTIONS

Driver's Side: One 2.5"

Rear: One 2.5"

Questions

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