

CITY OF LEWISTON

CITY COUNCIL

JANUARY 31, 2017

SPECIAL MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL ROOM AT 6:00 P.M.

THE HONORABLE ROBERT E. MACDONALD, MAYOR, PRESIDING.

PRESENT: Mayor Macdonald, Councilors Lysen, Golden, Bouchard, Cloutier, Beam and Lachance, City Administrator Edward Barrett and City Clerk Kathleen Montejo.

Absent/Excused: Councilor Lajoie. Note – Under the City Charter, when a City Councilor is absent from a meeting, the Mayor has the option to vote in their place.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Moment of Silence.

CONFIRMATION OF MAYOR MACDONALD'S NOMINATION OF LUKE JENSEN TO FILL THE VACANT WARD 5 POSITION ON THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

The Mayor announced that this item was being removed from this evening's agenda and will be addressed at the February 7, 2017 City Council meeting.

RESOLVE, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FROM THE GENERAL FUND'S UNRESERVED BALANCE FOR THE PURPOSE OF PURCHASING A RESERVE PUMPER FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

VOTE (24-2017)

Motion by Councilor Lajoie, seconded by Councilor Lachance:

To approve the Resolve making an Appropriation from the General Fund's Unreserved Balance for the purpose of purchasing a Reserve Pumper for the Fire Department:

Whereas, as a result of an accident, the Fire Department will be operating without one of its front-line pumpers for a considerable period of time; and

Whereas, the presence of a reserve pumper is necessary to ensure that the Department is able to provide a consistent level of emergency response in circumstances where other front-line units may be unavailable or out of service; and

Whereas, the Department has located a 1995 pumper capable of meeting this need; and

Whereas, the cost of this unit is \$32,000; and

Whereas, once this unit is no longer required, it can be resold to partially offset the purchase price.

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Lewiston that the amount of \$32,000 is hereby appropriated from the General Fund's unreserved balance for the purpose of purchasing a reserve fire pumper for the Fire Department.

Passed - Vote 7-0

RESOLVE, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FROM THE GENERAL FUND'S UNRESERVED BALANCE FOR THE PURPOSE OF PURCHASING A NEW PUMPER FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

VOTE (25-2017)

Motion by Councilor Lysen, seconded by Councilor Bouchard:

To approve the Resolve making an Appropriation from the General Fund's Unreserved Balance for the purpose of purchasing a new pumper for the Fire Department:

Whereas, as a result of an accident, one of the Fire Department's front-line pumpers suffered considerable damage; and

Whereas, based on an evaluation by an insurance adjuster, the cost to repair this unit will exceed its current value; and

Whereas, it is essential that the Department have a complete roster of front line equipment; and

Whereas, the cost of a new unit, net of insurance settlement, is estimated to be \$541,411 plus some other minor expenses; and

Whereas, this price is available through the end of January if the unit is purchased through a cooperative purchasing program offered by the Houston Galveston Area Council, a program which the City used for its last fire pumper purchase; and

Whereas, using this purchasing process, the delivery time on a new unit will be reduced by several months;

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Lewiston that the amount of \$545,000 is hereby appropriated from the General Fund's unreserved balance for the purpose of purchasing a new fire pumper for the Fire Department.

Passed - Vote 7-0

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

VOTE (26-2017)

Motion by Councilor Lysen, seconded by Councilor Bouchard:

To enter into an Executive Session, pursuant to MRSA Title 1, Section 405 (6) (c), to discuss Disposition of Property, of which the premature disclosure of the information would prejudice

the competitive bargaining position of the City. Passed - Vote 7-0

Executive Session began at 7:14pm and ended at 7:28pm.

VOTE (27-2017)

Motion by Councilor Cloutier, seconded by Councilor Golden:

To enter into an Executive Session pursuant to MRSA Title 1, section 405 (6) (D) of discuss Labor Negotiations regarding the International Association of Firefighters, Local 785.

Passed - Vote 7-0

Executive Session began at 7:28pm and ended at 8:03pm.

VOTE (28-2017)

Motion by Councilor Bouchard, seconded by Councilor Lachance:

To enter into an Executive Session pursuant to MRSA Title 1, Section 405 (6) (A) to discuss a personnel matter regarding the annual evaluation of the City Administrator. Passed – Vote 7-0

Executive Session began at 8:03pm and ended at 8:32pm.

VOTE (29-2017)

Motion by Councilor Cloutier, seconded by Councilor Lajoie:

To adjourn at 8:32P.M. Passed - Vote 7-0

A true record, Attest:

Kathleen M. Montejo, MMC
City Clerk
Lewiston, Maine