

KIRTLAND CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

October 5, 2020 – Work Session

The work session meeting of Kirtland City Council commenced at 6:18 p.m. Due to the current state of emergency regarding COVID-19, the meeting was held virtually via Zoom. Council members present were: Scott Haymer, John Lesnick, Richard Lowery, Matthew Schulz, Joseph Smolic and Kelly Wolfe. Jeffrey Ruple arrived later in the meeting.

Mayor Kevin Potter, Law Director Matthew Lallo and Service Director Joseph Fornaro were also in attendance. Police Chief Lance Nosse and Fire Chief Anthony Hutton arrived later in the meeting.

Council President Lowery stated he would entertain a motion to convene an executive session to discuss pending or imminent litigation, pursuant to Article I, Section 7(c) of the City Charter. Mr. Schulz so moved, and Mrs. Wolfe provided the second. **ROLL CALL: MOTION CARRIED 6/0 (VOTING YEA: SCHULZ, SMOLIC, WOLFE, HAYMER, LESNICK AND LOWERY. VOTING NAY: NONE).** The time was 6:19 p.m.

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The executive session adjourned and the work session reconvened at 6:54 p.m.

Referring to legislation on tonight's agenda, Mayor Potter requested that Chief Hutton discuss the opportunity to purchase an ambulance with CARES Act funding.

Chief Hutton stated that much work has gone into trying to secure a demo unit, noting that through the CARES Act funding, an ambulance is an approved purchase. He noted that several departments, including Willoughby, Willoughby Hills, Eastlake and Wickliffe, are purchasing ambulances with the CARES Act funding.

With regard to the type of vehicle, Chief Hutton stated it is a different style; the Department currently has medium duty ambulances, and this will be a Type 1. He stated it is a demo unit that is being built, and options can be added. Referring to the quotes obtained, Chief Hutton noted that UV lighting and an Evergreen decontamination system will be added. It will have improved ventilation and a HEPA system. Chief Hutton stated in a Type 1 ambulance, the cab is isolated from the box so the patient compartment is separate. The City's current ambulances are walk-through units, and they have to be sealed off for COVID emergencies. The Type 1 unit will offer a lot more safety for the crews and the patients. Chief Hutton stated there are other differences, noting the new ambulance would be four-wheel drive, which will provide options in the winter.

Regarding cost, Chief Hutton stated it is a great price, noting that next year's capital budget request would have included an ambulance; the initial cost was \$250,000, and with the COVID upgrades would be approximately \$265,000. The cost of the demo ambulance will be \$217,000, which is a great move financially for the City.

Chief Hutton stated he would request that Council pass the legislation tonight. With regard to equipping the ambulance, Chief Hutton stated that equipment will be moved from the third squad. The Department will keep the third squad until the pandemic ends.

Answering Councilman Schulz, Chief Hutton advised the Opticom system emitter will be added to the ambulance.

Council President Lowery stated that he believes this is a good opportunity for the City and that the vehicle will serve the City well. He commended those involved in putting this together. Chief Hutton stated that Matt Killeen is the EMS coordinator, and he was instrumental in working on the specs.

Councilman Haymer asked if ancillary items can be purchased for the ambulance with CARES Act funds. Chief Hutton replied that if there is another round of funding, there are several items that would be useful, such as cardiac monitors and pulse oximeters.

Responding to an inquiry from Councilman Lesnick, Mayor Potter stated that the City should be receiving additional CARES Act funding, for which the spending will be prioritized when the money is received.

There was no further discussion, and the work session meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m. upon the unanimous consent of Council.

President of Council

Clerk of Council