

KIRTLAND CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

September 6, 2023 – Work Session

The work session meeting of Kirtland City Council commenced at 6:48 p.m. Council members present were: Ronald Fenstermaker, Suzanne Grazia, Scott Haymer, Matthew Schulz and Joseph Smolic. Absent: Richard Lowery and Eric Ziegler.

Mayor Kevin Potter, Law Director Matthew Lallo, City Engineer Douglas Courtney, Service Director Joseph Fornaro, Police Chief Brian McCallister, Fire Chief Anthony Hutton and Senior Center Coordinator Teresa Szary were also in attendance.

Mayor Potter noted that Finance Director Louis Slapnicker is not available for tonight's meeting, but he requested that Resolution 23-R-61 be passed tonight, as this is customarily passed each year. The rates are set by the County.

With regard to Ordinance 23-O-62, Chief Hutton said he spoke to the Mayor and Mr. Slapnicker about upgrading the command vehicle. Currently the Fire Department has a 2015 Tahoe that is having a lot of mechanical issues and is at the end of its life. The Department was able to find a Silverado 2500 that is in stock and beats the state bid price; Serpentine is holding the vehicle for the City. Chief Hutton said that if Council is willing to pass this Ordinance tonight, they should be able to pick up the vehicle this week. Much of the equipment will be transferred from the 2015, including the radios, light bar, siren, and all lighting equipment they are able to move. The vehicle will need lettering and striping. Answering Council President Smolic, Chief Hutton said the older vehicle will likely be taken out of service. Answering Councilman Schulz, he said the older vehicle does not have much value for a trade-in, but would likely have more value being sold on GovDeals.

Answering Councilman Schulz, Chief Hutton said the shift commander will use the new vehicle for fire command; it will have a pick-up truck bed and will carry all the command equipment, ice rescue equipment, basic rope rescue equipment. It will also be a chase vehicle from Station 1 to Station 2; it will be a multi-purpose vehicle but serve mostly as a command vehicle. Chief Hutton said the vehicle cost is \$51,600; there is \$60,000 budgeted which will provide funds needed to convert the vehicle.

With regard to Ordinance 23-O-63 for the purchase of the mini excavator, Mayor Potter noted the old excavator was sold on GovDeals last month for \$71,000; that money was returned to the road levy budget for road repairs.

Mr. Fornaro advised that the larger excavator did not fit on some of the narrower streets; the mini excavator will allow the Department to do more ditching more efficiently. With regard to transporting, the mini excavator has a 9500 lb. curb weight.

Answering Councilman Schulz, Mayor Potter confirmed that funds for purchase of the new excavator will come from the General Fund. Mr. Schulz suggested that the legislation be amended to include reference to the Fund.

Answering Councilman Fenstermaker, Mr. Fornaro confirmed that the larger excavator was sold for \$71,000; and the new excavator cost is \$67,500 according to the quote attached to the legislation.

Councilman Schulz inquired about the useful life of the new excavator. Mr. Fornaro said it will be at least 15 years.

Mr. Fornaro said it would be greatly appreciated if the legislation for the new excavator can be passed tonight.

Answering Council President Smolic, Mr. Courtney requested that Resolution 23-R-64 relating to the Rockwood Drive drainage improvement be passed tonight.

Mayor Potter noted that the Service Department Standing Committee met regarding the proposals for solid waste collection. He inquired if the Committee had an opportunity to discuss placing something on the next agenda for First Reading. Council President Smolic said that four bids were received, from the following: Dumpster Bandit, Waste Management, Kimball and Major. Mr. Smolic said he forwarded to Council the bids from Dumpster Bandit and Waste Management, since they were the lowest. It was noted this will be discussed further at the Council meeting.

There was no further discussion, and the work session meeting adjourned at 6:59 p.m. upon the consensus of Council.

President of Council

Clerk of Council