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To: Cindy Means, City Clerk
From: Gerald E. Arno, Mayor
Date: October 28, 2021
Re: Schedule a Special Meeting – November 3, 2021

Pursuant to Section 6.2 of the City Charter, I am requesting that a Special Meeting of the City Council be scheduled for Wednesday, November 3, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. at the Jonesville Police Department. The purpose of the meeting is to consider purchase of a Fire Apparatus.


Gerald E. Arno, Mayor



**CITY OF JONESVILLE
SPECIAL MEETING
COUNCIL AGENDA**

NOVEMBER 3, 2021 - 6:30 P.M.

JONESVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT, 116 W. CHICAGO STREET

1. CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE / A MOMENT OF SILENCE

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Citizens wanting to address the Council can do so at this time. Persons addressing the Council are requested to give their name and address for the record when called on by the Mayor.

4. REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

A. Consider Fire Apparatus Purchase


[Action Item]

5. ADJOURN

RULES FOR SPEAKING BEFORE THE JONESVILLE CITY COUNCIL (Adopted 09/05/01)

1. Speakers will have one opportunity to address the Council unless the Mayor allows additional opportunities.
2. Remarks shall be limited to 5 minutes per person and will also be limited to matters before the Council, to Council business or policy, or to issues of community concern or interest that the Council has authority to recommend or act upon. Comments about actions, inactions or performance of the Council are appropriate. Profane, vulgar or abusive language will not be tolerated.
3. The Mayor may grant a speaker additional time under unusual circumstances.
4. Council members and staff will not respond to general audience participation. Matters will be referred to the City Manager who will provide reports at a subsequent meeting/date.
5. The Mayor may call out of order any person who is being disorderly by speaking or otherwise disrupting the proceedings. Such person shall not be permitted to speak and if he/she continues in a disorderly manner, the Mayor may declare a recess and/or ask that the person leave or be removed from the meeting.



To: Jonesville City Council
From: Jeffrey M. Gray, City Manager 
Date: October 29, 2021
Re: Manager Report and Recommendations – November 3, 2021 Council Special Meeting

4. A. Consider Fire Apparatus Purchase

[Action Item]

Director of Public Safety Etter is recommending the purchase of a 2021 model year mini-pumper. Please see his correspondence, attached. The vehicle has been used in the manufacturer's sales demonstrations, but has not been used in fire service. It has approximately 2,000 miles and all of the factory warranties. The purchase price is \$238,000, which is a savings of approximately \$11,000 over a comparable new apparatus. The manufacturer has the vehicle in Georgia. The vehicle features and the Director's basis for recommending this sort of apparatus are detailed in the attachment. Detailed vehicle specifications and drawings are available for review at City Hall.

I appreciate the Council's willingness to consider a special meeting for the purpose of discussing the purchase. As a demonstration vehicle, the manufacturer is currently marketing it for sale and the purchase cannot be guaranteed without Council approval.

Although the vehicle exceeds the \$200,000 budgeted for the truck replacement in this fiscal year, there is just over \$241,000 in the Fire Equipment Reserve. The budget number was developed prior to Director Etter's appointment; the recommended apparatus has additional capabilities beyond what was budgeted, including pump capacity comparable to a full-size apparatus. Director Etter does not anticipate additional equipment needs that would exceed our future annual reserves.

As indicated in the attachment, Chief Adair and Assistant Chief Riggs have expressed support for the purchase, as well. I appreciate the Director's diligence and willingness to anticipate and answer all of my questions regarding the purchase. I support his recommendation, and would recommend that Council consider a motion to approve the purchase of the 2021 Fouts 4 Initial Attack Fire Apparatus in the amount of \$238,000. *Please refer to the attached recommendation from Director Etter.*



JONESVILLE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY



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Mr. Gray,

I have located a fire truck for consideration. It is a 2021 Mini-pumper that was built by Fouts Bros Fire Apparatus and is called the Fouts 4 initial attack. This is a small agile purpose driven initial attack apparatus with only two thousand miles. It was the company's demonstration vehicle for that model.

- It was built on Ford 550 four door four-wheel drive chassis and powered with a diesel engine
- It was built with a Hale 1500 gpm pump which is the same thing you find in a full-size apparatus.
- A 285-gallon poly water tank
- A 15-gallon poly foam tank
- It comes with two six inch in diameter, eight-foot-long sections of hard suction
- A 12,000-pound winch
- A 100' of one inch booster line
- A twelve-foot extension ladder

The benefit of purchasing a demo apparatus is it typically has very the best components the company has to offer at a significant savings. In our case we will be saving \$11,000.08 by purchasing this apparatus for \$238,000 compared to purchasing a brand-new apparatus without the extras. I have given all of the documentation to Chief Adair and Assistant Chief Riggs to also review. I received positive feedback from them. It not only would benefit our department but our mutual aid departments. It potentially could improve our ISO rating also.

The backseats in this apparatus have been modified so a SCBA pack is mounted within the backrest allowing those two firefighters to put on air tanks while enroute to the scene of an incident just like if responding in a full-size apparatus. This apparatus will be primarily used as a first response unit to all car accident's and will be equipped with the jaws of life. All medical assists and mutual aid calls. It is more effective to use this apparatus to fight a combine fire

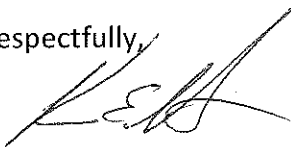
rather than a full-size engine due to its weight and four-wheel drive capability. I will need a few thousand dollars' worth of additional equipment but I believe we should be able to absorb that cost in our current budget. The cost to have the apparatus striped to reflect our department is part of the list price.

The reason we should be focusing towards this type of apparatus is the vast benefits it will bring. If personnel were dispatched to a medical call they would always respond in this unit. As they are finishing up assisting with the medical, they are advised of a structure fire they could respond automatically in this unit and provide an initial attack which is crucial. They would have all of the necessary equipment with them to execute a rescue or provide that initial attack on the fire while others were enroute. We could also use it as a relay pumper due to the capacity of this units 1500 gpm pump. We could also use a primary heavier apparatus to relay pump to us in a tactical location such as in the back of a structure where we now act as the primary pumper on scene.

In today's world of automatic mutual aid requests, I am confident we will not be lacking in the volume of water provided to us especially since our current tanker holds 3,000 gallons. I've looked at our fleet and the two grass fire trucks are in overall good condition. My plan over time is to maintain these trucks in the same or similar condition making them lighter and more agile to provide a better service. I believe our truck fund will bounce back before any signiant withdrawal is needed.

I welcome any questions you may have.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. Etter', written over a horizontal line.

Kurt Etter, Director