

**Finance Committee Meeting      Thursday 09-24-2020 7:00 PM in Council Chambers**

The meeting commenced at 7:02 PM and ended at 7:30 PM.

Committee members in attendance: Chairman David W. Voss, Raejean Hardig, Jim Sunderhaus, and Dan Cunningham via Zoom.

Other Council Members in attendance: Kitty Zech, Amy Richter, and President of Council Mark Waters and Clerk of Council Jenny M. Eilerman.

Administration in attendance: SSD Tom Braun via Zoom

Others: Chief Robert Klein via Zoom and John Hardig

Meeting Objectives: To discuss the purchase of a new life squad.

The chair opened the meeting and provided the following information:

1. Cheviot will be receiving additional funding relative the CARES Act. It is permissible to purchase a life squad relative these monies pursuant to information received from the State of Ohio according to Mayor Keller. This information was only verbal; no written confirmation available. The cost of a new squad will be \$198,945.00. The life squad will be purchased through the Ohio Cooperative Purchasing Program. Utilizing this program, Cheviot does not need to competitively bid the purchase.
2. The life squad to be purchased is a Ford 2020 F-450, 4x4, XLT,6,7L, 193"WB. The original price was \$205,745.00 but with a Covid discount and another discount, the discount totaled \$6,800.00. The purchase price with adjustments is reduced to \$198,945.00. The vendor for the new life squad is 911 Fleet and Fire Equipment, 11 Lendale Drive, Florence, Kentucky 411042.
3. The emergency to purchase the life squad is only one squad is available and other municipalities are wanting to purchase it. If Cheviot does not have the legal authority to purchase it by 09-25-2020, the other interested parties will buy it. The City must take delivery no later than December 31, 2020 of the life squad.
4. The new life squad is a replacement for a 2006 Ford life squad that is currently used as a backup unit. It is expensive to maintain due to its age of 14 years. The Fire Department has requested a replacement for the past 3 years.
5. Purchasing the new squad using Cares Act monies will free up funding in the general budget. The Covid-19 pandemic is expected to affect the City's finances this year.

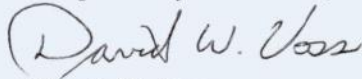
There was some spirited questioning by council members about the Cares Act funding for the squad purchase not yet having been received by Cheviot. The legislation for the Care Funding has not been signed by the Governor to date. Another concern is the risk of passing legislation without the money in Cheviot's control and no 100% guarantee of receiving the funds. Normally, Council doesn't pass spending legislation without the money for the expenditure being available at the time. There is a risk about how Cheviot will pay for the new squad if for some reason the Cares Act funding does not materialize. Chief Klein provided information that the Fire

Department will bring in approximately \$225,000. from life squad billing. It was the consensus that if the Cares Act Funding does not become available, the cost of the squad will be taken from the aforementioned income source. Council was hopeful that Patty Henry had documented the call she made to the State relative it being permissive to use Cares act funding to purchase a life squad?

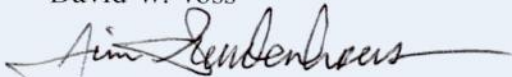
It was the agreement of the committee and other council members present to vote on an emergency ordinance at the special council meeting immediately following the committee meeting To Authorize the Safety-Service Director To Enter Into A Contract To Purchase A 2020 Ford F-450.4x4 Amulance.4x4 with an addendum to Section 1 of the ordinance stipulating The authority to purchase the ambulance is conditional upon the approval of the State of Ohio for the use of Cares Act Funding for such a purchase.

At the conclusion of the committee meeting, Council convened a Special Council meeting and passed and adopted Ordinance No. 20-23 TO AUTHORIZE THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT TO PURCHASE A 2020 FORD F-450 ANBULANCE; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY with the addendum intact.

Respectfully submitted,



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Jim Sunderhaus

Raejean Hardig



Dan Cunningham

