



MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

DATE: September 15, 2015
CONSENT
ITEM #5
MOTION

AGENDA ITEM: Approve Purchase of replacement “Skid Unit” for Brush Truck

SUBMITTED BY: Greg Malmquist, Fire Chief

THROUGH: Greg Malmquist, Fire Chief

REVIEWED BY: Finance Director and Finance Committee

SUGGESTED ORDER OF BUSINESS:

- Introduction of ItemFinance Director
- Report/Presentation..... Fire Chief
- Questions from City Council Mayor Facilitates
- Call for Motion
- Discussion.....
- Action on Motion.....

POLICY RECOMMENDER: Fire Department

FISCAL IMPACT: The purchase of a replacement skid unit. Quoted price of \$11,550.00 will be offset by a donation of \$1,000.00 from KwikTrip and a \$5,000.00 Grant from the MN DNR. The net cost to the City will be \$5,550.00

SUMMARY AND ACTION REQUESTED: This item was presented in our 2015 budget and due to the uncertainty surrounding the grants that had been applied for, the Finance Committee removed this item from the 2015 budget. However, the stipulation was made that if significant grant funding were to be obtained, that the item could then be brought back for review once the net cost to the City was known.

The Fire Department has been very successful in seeking out funding for this as mentioned above, and is respectfully requesting that the City match the grant/donation proceeds. Attached is an updated quote for the skid unit since the original quote was obtained in 2014. This item would be funded from the General Fund.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY: The reason for recommendation of replacement is as follows: The equipment we are replacing was originally on a 1985 Grass Rig. We then modified it to a skid unit to allow for it to be utilized on newer vehicles and to be removed in the winter. The equipment is now 30 years old and requires more maintenance every year and making it more unreliable as some parts are unavailable. The newer unit will increase our fire suppression capabilities as it is equipped with foam.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION (SWOT):

Strengths	Replace worn out current skid unit with reliable updated unit thereby reducing maintenance costs.
Weaknesses	Disposition of old unit.
Opportunities	New skid unit will transfer to future vehicles as in the past. Utilization of Grant/Donation funding.
Threats	Maintenance downtime

RECOMMENDATION: Based on the aforementioned, it is recommended that this item be approved for purchase.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Original quote of \$11,745.00
- Updated quote of \$11,550.00
- Spec sheet showing FIRELITE TRANSPORT FDHP-160-302 (skid unit to be purchased)
- MN DNR Grant Award cover letter