

MANAGER'S CONFERENCE MINUTES
Portsmouth City Council Meeting on
November 27, 2017 8:05 p.m.

1. Lease/Purchase of a Demo Rescue Pumper

CM-17-89

City Manager Allen ask Chief Raison to speak regarding the new Fire Truck. Chief Raison said that a new pumper was needed and referred to the information he had given to Council. He said the Sciotoville truck was a 1990 model and the fleet was only as good as the reserve vehicles because if you have a truck out of service then the reserve (*1990 model truck*) would be brought forward and put into service. They would like to replace the truck. He said it took about 10-11 months to build a truck, however they looked for stock trucks and found a very nice demo truck. He asked Council to consider the lease purchase agreement for the demo truck. The price is \$515,000 which was about \$40,000 off the original price of the vehicle. They would like to combine trucks to do double duty. The total purchase price excludes some additional equipment. The rescue tools were at least 12-15 years old and the extrication tools that were used for auto extrication. The new equipment would provide a significant advantage because they were battery powered, and gave an example of a battery that had been in service for 8 years so they have a long life. He said this vehicle will replace #194 which was at the main station and #190 (*a 1990 Sutphen Pumper*) will be sold and the 2013 Pierce Pumper will be moved to Sciotoville. The new truck will fit in the bay but barely, they need to extend the bays but that would have to wait. (*Many people talking at once*) Someone ask about the Ameresco payment and Manager Allen replied that it would be paid off in May of 2018 and it would be available to make the payments on the new truck. He said that in 2018 they were increasing the amount of resurfacing and the plan was that over the next few years to increase the resurfacing. He said they've had some catching up to do and some emergencies but those were starting to dwindle and now we would have the ability to purchase equipment. He added that they're trying to address everything a little bit at a time, making sure the budget was put together and was well rounded and that parts weren't ignored. Last year there was supposed to be a street sweeper in the budget but it was cut and the current one needs replaced, there were also some dump trucks that we've started to replace. A 5-year lease purchase should have a minimal impact on the budget. Someone ask if this need to be an emergency legislation and Chief Raison replied that there were several other entities looking at the vehicle so in his opinion they need to act quickly.

Councilman Kevin W. Johnson motioned to accept Alternative #2 and to make it an emergency.

Councilman Kevin E. Johnson ask Chief Raison "what if the vehicle was already gone and we've passed this legislation" Councilman Meadows stated that we would start over as it was specific to this truck.

There were no further questions or comments: **VOTE: 6 Ayes – 0 Nays**

Auditor Williams said he hadn't had time to create Council letters for the following proposed legislation.

2. House Bill #49 – Auditor Williams stated how the income tax ordinances would be affected by House Bill #49 should there not be an injunction issued prior to the end of the year. He would like Council's approval to bring legislation at the next meeting that might be required from House Bill #49 that would change the way our income tax would be collected unless we would get the injunction prior to the end of the year.
3. Fund Transfers and Advances - We normally have this information by now regarding Fund transfers and advances from the Health Department and he will be meeting with them this week.

4. **Appropriation Ordinance** – He was working on the appropriation ordinance for the 2018 budget and was about half way through the ordinance. The general fund and special revenue fund took balancing and that all the allocations get from one fund to the other before that ordinance is presented to Council so that it would not have to be amended throughout the next year.
5. **Real Ordinance for Babcock funds; Fund #103** – He said the ordinance passed at the beginning of 2017 (Ordinance #05 of 2017) authorizing the creation of a Building Fund. He added that the sale of a property (Babcock Building) in the amount of \$50,000 were put into that fund. He said that in that Ordinance it was requested to be sent to the State Auditor’s office and that legislation was sent back and denied due to reasons they didn’t fully explain. He appealed the decision and asked for an explanation but had not received a response, even after following up with two or three phone calls and emails. This needs to be repealed by the end of the year and he offered several options. (Councilman Kevin W. Johnson was speaking but his microphone was not on).

Councilman Kevin E. Johnson motioned to accept Alternative #1 on 2, 3, 4, and 5.

There were no further questions or comments: **VOTE: 6 Ayes – 0 Nays**

The meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m. on a motion by Councilman Kevin W. Johnson

Submitted by: *Diana Ratliff* – City Clerk