

CITY OF ROCKY RIVER

February 5, 2018

The meeting of the Committee-of-the-Whole was called to order by Mr. Moran, President of Council, at 7:00 p.m. in the David J. Cook Council Chambers.

Council Members Present: Mr. Hunt, Mr. Shepherd, Mr. O'Donnell, Mr. Furry,
Mr. Sindelar, Mr. Klym, Mr. Moran

Administration: Mayor Bobst, Director Costello

Law Director: Mr. Bemer

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chief Aaron Lenart, Rocky River Fire Department

Chief Lenart addressed Council this evening to answer questions on Ordinance No. 4-18 regarding the purchase of a 2017 Ladder Truck. Chief Lenart introduced Mr. BJ Green and Mr. Scott Carlisle, salesmen from Advantech Service and Parts, LLC.

Chief Lenart said that this truck was built in 2017 and will be titled as a new vehicle and carries a full one-year warranty bumper to bumper on everything. There is also a 25-year structural warranty on the ladder, a 20-year warranty on the body, etc. The truck has just over 13,000 miles on it with 400 hours of use with less than 80 hours of actual ladder use time. The Chief feels this is good for the vehicle because it gives the vehicle a chance to work out the kinks. The truck is designed to be a higher end truck because of being shown as a display for other fire departments. This allowed for the engine to be broken in creating a better product. Any problems that occurred with the ladder, i.e. the ladder control system, the chassis, the body, the electrical system would go back to the factory and have those problems worked out which creates a better product for the Department. The delivery time is 45 days on the high option demo truck as compared to a new vehicle which would be 12-15 months for delivery.

- Mr. Furry asked why there was only one bid for this vehicle. Chief Lenart explained that many of the demos couldn't fit through the 12-foot doors of the station. Two trucks would clear the door but one was a mid-mount truck but the firefighters wanted the rear-mount truck. Mr. Furry asked what an arrow stick is. Chief Lenart explained that it is basically a directional stick on the back of the truck. It helps guide traffic past the vehicle. This can be added to this truck. Mr. Furry asked about the input from all the firefighters. Chief Lenart said that seven manufacturers were contacted and five came out with demo trucks. The Chief insisted that all demo trucks be available for all three shifts so each firefighter had the availability to see the truck and drive the truck and then discuss what they liked or disliked about each truck. From there the specifications were formulated and this demo met 97% of these specification. These trucks have a million mile engines in them. 13,000 miles is not a lot of miles on this vehicle. The last ladder truck had about 20,000 miles on it. The Chief feels that the biggest problem with a ladder truck

is lack of use and trying to prevent dry rot with the rubber and moving parts. Mr. Carlisle talked about airbags. Airbags could be added to a new build but this particular demo does not have airbags. Anything that weighs over 10,000 GDW isn't required to have frontal collision airbags. That is a Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard. The NFPA does not mandate airbags either. The only mandate is that the trucks have to have seat belts and the seat belts must be worn in the apparatus. There are no airbags on this demo truck.

- Mr. Moran asked what the percentage is of vehicles of this size with airbags. Mr. Carlisle responded that as a manufacturer they make about 500 units a year and 5% of the vehicles built are equipped with airbags. The cost for adding airbags would be roughly \$20,000.
- Mr. O'Donnell asked if airbags could be added to the demo. Airbags cannot be added.
- Mr. Hunt asked about the frequency of rollovers. Mr. Carlisle said that the truck is equipped with electronic stability control that will give roll over protection. If this truck went into a skid it would decrease the acceleration and brake the truck and steer the truck out of the skid.
- The Mayor asked about the warranty on the engine and the transmission. Mr. Carlisle responded that it is a 5-year or 100,000 miles on both the engine and the transmission. That is the same warranty as a brand new truck.
- Mr. Shepherd asked how long the city had the former ladder truck with 20,000 miles. Chief Lenart said it was 25 years old, less than 1,000 miles a year. It gets driven hard for 4 or 5 miles and then put away but it is a giant piece of insurance for the city and residents to have a ladder truck.
- Mr. Klym asked if the 13,000 miles currently on the demo truck are highway miles. Yes, highway miles or miles done for demonstration. It has not been in service at all.
- Mr. Moran asked if this truck was built to be a demo or for someone. It was built for the FDIC Show in Minneapolis last year to show all the new bells and whistles that engineers provided over the course of last year.
- Mr. Moran asked Chief Lenart if this truck is missing anything he feels the department needs. Chief Lenart responded that it fits the bill for what would serve the department for the next 25 years. It is very close to the specifications requested. The arrow stick can be added. The airbags are in the new trucks. The Chief said that after researching and learning about airbags, they are not a factor. The NFPA looked at putting airbags in trucks in 2008. They met for their committee and there have been two committee's worth now of turn-over in the standard and they have yet to add the airbags to the trucks. Chief Lenart says there is a factor of speed verses inertia to the effectiveness of airbags. Mr. Carlisle said that the controls for airbags are built into the steering column rather than the bumpers. The sensors cannot be in the bumpers because these trucks are potentially pushing cars and other heavy items out of the way which would set the airbags off. A complete protrusion of the cab would be needed in order for that to happen. The way the trucks are built, the trucks would have to be going at least 30-35 mph with this type of bumper in order to protrude the cab enough to expel the airbags.

- The Mayor asked how much the arrow stick is. Mr. Carlisle said that installed it would be roughly between \$4,200 and \$5,500.
- If this was built brand new, this truck would cost roughly \$100,000 more.
- Both the old ladder truck and this truck's ladder is 100 foot tall. This ladder gives the department a better rating than the old ladder did. It will take up to a 55 mph wind and will handle a quarter inch of ice which is a factor for the long cold night fire.
- The Mayor asked the Chief to discuss the ISO Rating and why it is important to get a vehicle in service. Chief Lenart said that currently the ISO Rating is a 4. The ISO is aware that the department is short a truck. Chief Lenart would like to move this rating up to a 3. The ISO rating has an impact on all residents and business owners and their premiums.
- Mr. O'Donnell asked if most of the firefighters are satisfied with this truck or is there some disagreement. Chief Lenart said that there is some reservation that it is not a safe truck because of the airbags. The department has never had airbags on any of the trucks. Airbags are still not a required item. There may also be a perception too that the firefighters want and deserve a brand new truck. Essentially this is a brand new truck but it does have some miles on it.
 - The Mayor added that prior to this legislation being forwarded to Council, the Mayor asked Chief Lenart to share it with all the firefighters and the leadership in the Fire Department so they could see what was being proposed. At that time there wasn't any negative feedback. Chief Lenart spoke with the Captains and told them the direction he was going in. It was well known that the Chief was looking at purchasing a demo if one was available. Mr. Hunt asked if the firefighters had input with the specifications of the truck. Mr. Hunt summarized that the firefighters did have input with the specifications and all specifications have or can be met with the addition of the arrow stick except for the airbags. The Chief feels that the airbags are the biggest issue or hurdle along with the mileage. As far as the specifications go, Captain Kraus and Lieutenant Purpura spear headed those but did inquire for input. Some of the other firefighters were instrumental in input on the vehicle.
- Mr. Moran asked how long airbags have been put on vehicles like this. Mr. Carlisle responded about 4-5 years. It's now about 5% in the last year, but less than that in the years past.

The Mayor discussed the insurance regarding the old ladder truck. Nothing is settled yet but the city needs this truck for the safety of the community and the safety of the firefighters and to honor the mutual aid agreements to the other communities who have been very gracious to the City of Rocky River. The platform on this demo truck is important because of the residential high rises. This will be paid for through the Capital Equipment Fund and that fund will be reimbursed by the proceeds received from the insurance settlement. The Mayor also shared that she has been approached by three communities to share equipment purchases. This approach would not be the Mayor's, Chief's or Safety-Service Director's first choice, but it is an option to be considered going forward.

Mr. Moran thanked Chief Lenart and Mr. Carlisle and Mr. Green for attending this evening's meeting.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

The City installed the "No Parking on Hydrant Side of the Street" signs. A Ready Notify was sent out at the end of last week. The City received about a dozen calls from residents regarding specific situations or needing clarifications. The Police and Director Costello will evaluate some of these situations to see if an exemption would be warranted.

The Mayor shared statistics from the Regional Transit Agency. The Cleveland State line was established in 2015. Since that time there has been a 45% increase in service with almost 685,000 riders on this line. RTA also has high consumer satisfaction with this line. Please let RTA know if there is anything they can do to improve their service.

The NOACA Senior Transportation Grant was submitted last week by Director Huff. This is for a new vehicle for the Senior Transportation Program. It takes numerous departments from the city to provide the information that is required in a grant like this. There were seven letters of support included in the application. The Public Hearing was extremely well attended. Nan Baker, University Hospital, Cleveland Clinic and North Coast Health have all provided support.

Another Grant Application was submitted regarding the Solid Waste District. This grant is submitted on an annual basis. If successful, these dollars will be used for resident materials on recycling along with shredding days that are very popular.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: President Moran announced that there will be a BZA Meeting this Thursday at 7:00 p.m. with three items on the agenda.

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: NONE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE NO. 79-17: Mr. Shepherd said that this ordinance proposes the change of hours of noise allowed in the city. After polling Council, the majority of votes favored the current start time and end time in the current law. Mr. Shepherd said that this may be tabled at the next meeting if there is no change in opinion.

ORDINANCE NO. 81-17 and 82-17: Mr. Shepherd said that these ordinances involve the Airbnb's and is being held for redrafting by the Law Department. Mr. Bemer said that the Mayors and Managers had a review of local legislation and he is waiting for their notes and sample legislation. Mr. Shepherd is also looking for suggestions on the Boarding Room issue in conjunction with the Airbnb's.

ORDINANCE NO. 84-17: Mr. Shepherd said that Council is close to reading this legislation for a third time next week. There may be some minor word changing from the Building Commissioner. Mr. Bemer will converse with Mr. Reich. This ordinance prohibits appealing preliminary design decisions.

ORDINANCE NO. 85-17: Council received new language for this ordinance limiting the protest code violations. Mr. Shepherd anticipates this to be read for a third time next week.

ORDINANCE NO. 87-17: This ordinance is being reviewed by the Law Department and Planning Commission. Mr. Bemer asked for this to be held.

ORDINANCE NO. 88-17: This ordinance is being reviewed by the Law Department and Planning Commission and has to do with the definition of intent and local business. Mr. Bemer said that there is another section that he is looking at to explain or satisfy this particular language. Mr. Bemer has looked at modifying some of the designation of the uses in the local and general business but it may be advisable to refer all new business uses to the Planning Commission. Parking on the north side of Center Ridge Road and Detroit Road is becoming problematic with parking requirements.

ORDINANCE NO. 89-17: Council received new language for this ordinance deleting language for an area requirement for a mixed use overlay. This ordinance will be read for a third time next week.

ORDINANCE NO. 90-17: This ordinance limits the amount of solar cells allowed on a roof to 75% and waiting for additional language adding regulation on free standing solar cells.

ORDINANCE NO. 93-17: This ordinance is regarding the wireless telecommunication units. Council is waiting for state law to see how it can be tied into this legislation.

ORDINANCE NO. 106-17: Mr. Sindelar said there is nothing new to report. The Public Hearing for this ordinance is scheduled for Monday, March 5, 2018 with the second read on this legislation on Monday, February 12th.

ORDINANCE NO. 1-18: Mr. Shepherd said that this ordinance is for emergency repairs to the sanitary and storm sewers and the streets with Fabrizi. This will not exceed \$90,000. This ordinance has been discussed for several weeks. This will be read for a third time next week.

ORDINANCE NO. 3-18: Mr. O'Donnell said that this has been discussed for several weeks. This allows the City of Rocky River to collaborate with the City of Lakewood for 110 homes in the Valleyview neighborhood where wastewater and sanitary sewage is sent from those homes to be treated at Lakewood. Residents pay the same rates as all Rocky River residents and the City of Rocky River picks up the difference to Lakewood. This will be read for a second time next week.

ORDINANCE NO. 4-18: This was discussed in detail at the beginning of the meeting by Chief Lenart and representatives from Advantech Service and Parts, LLC. This will be read for a second time at next week's meeting.

ORDINANCE NO. 5-18: This authorizes the Mayor to enter into contract with Medical Mutual of Ohio to provide Health Care, Prescription Insurance Coverage and optional Vision Coverage for the full-time employees of the City of Rocky River. The Mayor said there are no benefit changes and is identical to the plan the city has had for the past several years. The contracts were just received a couple of weeks ago. This represents significant negotiations with the increase ending at 12% based on claims, history and trend. As Council knows, the city is self-insured. In the Collective Bargaining Agreements, the city assumes the first 4% of any increase and the next 8% is shared 50/50 with employees. The Mayor applauded the employees who have done a great job with the utilization of their plan. The city has been pleased with the service of Medical Mutual and has an Employee FSA Program with Medical Mutual. There is a single, single plus one and a family plan. There is spousal language that if a spouse has their own plan, they must take theirs as primary.

- Mr. Bemer applauded the Mayor and Director Thomas who have reworked some of the reserves to offset any increase for employees for health coverage in years past.

ORDINANCE NO. 6-18 and 7-18: Mr. Hunt said that these two ordinances authorize the payment for two invoices for safety equipment upgrades to four of the police vehicles. These invoices relate back to October/November, 2017. The safety features that were added are: molded prisoner seats, partitions separating the front and back compartments, various safety editions i.e. lighting, bumper push devices and adaptations for computers.

- Mr. Furry asked if there would be economy of scale. Director Costello said that the state contract changed moving from Dodge Chargers to the Ford Interceptors. The requirements for the computers, modems, screens and printers takes up a lot of room and fits better in the Ford Interceptors. Director Costello said that the city is planning on taking all this equipment and moving them forward into the replacement vehicles.

NEW BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE NO. 8-18: Mr. O'Donnell said that he received some information from Director Thomas regarding the next two ordinances. This is to authorize a payment for software support for the Court's software provider, CourtView Justice Solutions. The Court uses various components from CourtView and there are 45 licensed users at the Court on these various software components. CourtView is an existing vendor with which the Court would like to continue a relationship. This disbursement is allocated 50/50 to the Court's Computer A and Computer B Funds and was included in the appropriations for 2018. This will have three full reads.

ORDINANCE NO. 9-18: This is to authorize payment for certain hardware and software component upgrades related to video needs of the Court. CourtSmart is an existing vendor of the Court for the video needs of the Court. Funds for this expenditure were budgeted in 2018 from the Court's Computer A Fund.

ORDINANCE NO. 10-18: This is for the purchase of an F350 Pick-up Truck with Snow Plow Package for the Service Division under the State Cooperative Purchasing Act from Valley Ford Truck, Inc. This will be a replacement for a current dump truck. Director Costello said that the State Co-op does not allow a trade-in so it will be sold at auction. This will have three full reads.

RESOLUTION NO. 11-18: This is to enter into an agreement with Northeast Ohio Public Emergency Council (NOPEC) Energized Community Grants. Because Rocky River is a member of NOPEC, the city is eligible for one or more NOPEC Energized Community (NEC) Grants for 2018. The city wishes to apply for the NEC Grant and enter into a Grant Agreement with NOPEC, Inc. The Mayor said that this first grant represents a little over \$88,000 and will be used for a generator for the Civic Center. This Grant will accumulate each year for the next three years.

ORDINANCE NO. 12-18: This authorizes the Director of Public Safety-Service to enter into an agreement to purchase services for the removal of digested sludge cake from the Wastewater Treatment Plant by James Diaz at a cost of \$22.00 per wet ton for 2018. In 2015, the cost was \$16.95 a ton, the next year \$31.95 a ton and the following year \$42.10 a ton. This will have a full three reads.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS: NONE

As there was no further business by members of Council, President Moran thanked everyone for attending this evening's meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

James W. Moran
President of Council

Susan G. Pease
Clerk of Council