

City Commission Special Meeting Minutes of April 27, 2021

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the City of Davenport, Florida, held Tuesday, April 27, 2021 at 5:15 p.m. in the Commission Room after having been properly advertised with the following members present: Mayor H.B. Robinson and Commission Members Vice-Mayor Brynn Summerlin (in at 5:17pm), Commissioner Bobby Lynch, and Commissioner Tom Fellows. Also present: City Manager Kelly Callihan. Absent and excused were Commissioner Jeremy Clark and City Attorney Tom Cloud.

Mayor Robinson declared a quorum present and opened the meeting.

BUSINESS

1. REQUEST TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF A 2020 E-ONE ENGINE/PUMPER FROM MCGINLEY FIRE APPARATUS

The City Manager explained that staff had located a 2020 Engine with 1,060 miles. It was considered a demo and had never been titled. It came with a full 3-year warranty from Freightliner and had a Cummings motor in it. This truck would normally be \$290,000 and they were getting it at a reduced price of \$213,090.75.

The Finance Director was asked to further explain the funding availability. Donald drew their attention to the funding analysis spread sheet in front of them and proceeded to explain the possible funding of the following:

Fire Impact Fees Balance as of 10/1/20	444,914.91
Current FY 2020/2021 Fire Impact Fees Revenue	108,468.32
Budgeted FY 2020/2021 Fire Impact Fees Expenditures	<u>(45,000.00)</u>
Balance (3/31/21)	508,383.23
Purchase of New Fire Truck	<u>(214,000.00)</u>
Adjusted Balance (3/31/21)	294,383.23
Anticipated Collection for Remainder of FY 2020/2021	<u>100,000.00</u>
Balance (9/30/21)	<u><u>394,383.23</u></u>
Fire Station #2 Outstanding Loan Balance (3/31/21)	<u><u>543,195.00</u></u>

Donald assured them that the funding was there to purchase this truck.

Directing his first question to JT, the Vice-Mayor Summerlin asked what other major pieces of equipment he anticipated needing in the next 48 months. JT responded that in about 24 to 32 months he would be needing another engine at a cost between \$200,000 and \$300,000.

Addressing his next statement to Donald, the Vice-Mayor noted that by his calculations the anticipated deficit between what they owed and what they were going to have in impact fees would be about \$150,000 by October 1st. They anticipate that the impact fees were going to be equal or more in 2022, allowing them to purchase the truck they would need in 2 years. The Vice-Mayor further added that he just didn't want to over obligate themselves.

Commissioner Fellows asked if this vehicle was going to fit the Department's needs. JT responded that this truck was shorter and would allow them to access areas that the much larger trucks had some difficulties with at times. This engine would provide the opportunity to place one of the existing trucks in a true Reserve status in the event one truck must be taken out of service for repairs or general maintenance. JT further added that it would definitely increase their chance of a one (1) ISO rating.

The Mayor questioned if he had the manpower to man this equipment. JT responded that he was currently working with the City Manager on this.

The Vice-Mayor asked if this was the same truck that was going to be in next year's budget. The City Manager responded that it was.

Commissioner Lynch stated that this was a no brainer and couldn't believe the price. He felt that they had the money to do it so they should go ahead.

There being no other discussion, the Mayor entertained a motion.

Motion by Commissioner Lynch and seconded by Commissioner Fellows to purchase the fire truck. Motion carried unanimously with no further discussion.

2. REVIEW OF POLK REGIONAL WATER COOPERATIVE (PRWC) IMPLEMENTATION AGREEMENT

The City Manager announced that after their meetings with the Water Cooperative, the numbers hadn't changed. The Cooperative was asking everyone to sign up for this project. He informed them that at 60% of design they could get out, but it would cost the City \$960,000 to do so. Staff and the Attorney felt that they should not sign up as a participant but rather as an Associate Member and pursue their own Alternative Water Source with their own well.

The Mayor asked Commissioner Fellows to provide his input on this. Commissioner Fellows provided that the Cooperative had not come back to them with any new numbers. The numbers that they did have made it unaffordable to them. With what they had in front of them, he couldn't see how they could sign up for the Southeast Wellfield project. He wished that they had offered them an alternative. His only concern with all this was that they were doing it on a projection too. They knew they could build it cheaper but until they got down there and got the water, it was all just a projection. He wanted to be careful on how they did this because he didn't want to burn any bridges in case theirs didn't work out.

Mike added that timing on this was going to be critical because they were going to be at the end of their permit before they could provide them a gallon of Alternative Water. So they were going to know well in advance of spending \$960,000 on what the quality of that water was and whether it was available.

Vice-Mayor Summerlin questioned if the 1.5 million gallons per day was the pump limitation, the permit limitation or the size of the well limitation. Mike responded that the process was going to be the million gallons a day. This was the goal but depending on what the water quality was going to be, they had to pump more than a million gallons to get that million gallons because there was a potential for reverse osmosis. The Vice-Mayor questioned where the excess went. Mike responded that the balance went to the wastewater treatment plant or to some other process.

Mike further added that depending on what happened with the Central Florida Water Rule (CFWR) it looked like maybe they were not going to be as strict, but he couldn't say for sure because it was in litigation. That Rule specified that the maximum they could pull from the Upper Floridan Aquifer was their daily demand in 2025. Their SWFWMD permit outlined that they had to take the million gallons of Alternative Water. The CFWR outlined that in 2025, whatever their average daily demand was that it was the maximum they could pull from the Floridan Aquifer. This being said, there will be the potential to do 3 to 5 million gallons per day of the Lower Floridan Aquifer. The Vice-Mayor asked if this would be from the same hole. Mike responded that either the same hole or putting one at the older well site and just pumping the water up to the new process building that they would have. Further adding that there could be multiple wells at some point.

The Vice-Mayor pointed out that they were going to be ahead of the game and might have water to sale. What was there to stop another entity from calling them and asking to be part of their project? Mike informed him that he had already had this phone call.

The Vice-Mayor further voiced that he understood Commissioner Fellows' concern, but the positives could very well outweigh the negatives.

Mike informed them that if there was water down there they could treat it. He pointed out that they were not closing the book on PRWC. However, they had not been offered to participate in the West Polk Wellfield or any of the other offers.

The Vice-Mayor asked how much money was tied in to PRWC already and what was it going to cost them to be an Associate Member. Staff responded that they were in a couple hundred thousand already; and the Associate Member fee would be no more than \$23,000/\$24,000 per year.

There being no other discussion, the Mayor entertained a motion.

Motion by Vice-Mayor Summerlin and seconded by Commissioner Lynch that they proceed with an Associate Membership to the Water Cooperative and choose to opt out on the wellfield project. Motion carried unanimously with no discussion.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Lynch and seconded by Vice-Mayor Summerlin and carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Minutes are true and correct.

Raquel Castillo, City Clerk