



SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

1777 N Meadowlark Dr, Apple Valley
Wednesday, April 23, 2025 at 6:00 PM

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER- Mayor Farrar called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Mayor Michael Farrar

Council Member Kevin Sair

Council Member Scott Taylor

Council Member Richard Palmer

ABSENT

Council Member Annie Spendlove

DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

None declared.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: 3 MINUTES EACH - DISCRETION OF MAYOR FARRAR

One member of the public briefly expressed support for the proposed purchase of a new fire truck. No other comments were received, and the public comment period was closed.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION

1. Resolution R-2025-07 Authorizing The Emergency Procurement Of A Fire Suppression Vehicle.

The council considered Resolution R-2025-07, which authorized the emergency purchase of a fire suppression vehicle. The Fire Chief presented detailed background information to support the need for the new vehicle:

- **Current Equipment Condition:** The town's frontline engine, a 1991 vehicle received from a neighboring district, recently failed its annual NFPA pump test twice. The vehicle is outdated (over 30 years old), suffers from mechanical failures (including transmission issues), and lacks modern safety features.
- **NFPA Standards:** The National Fire Protection Association recommends retiring firefighting apparatus after 25 years. Both of the town's fire engines exceed this recommendation.
- **Vehicle Search and Recommendation:** After researching viable options, the Fire Chief recommended purchasing a 2011 fire engine with 26,000 miles, priced at \$150,000 from a department in southern Colorado. This truck aligns with NFPA guidelines, is logistically accessible, and has a favorable operational lifespan.
- **Cost Considerations:** Repairing the old truck would cost an estimated \$10,000–\$15,000 with no long-term value. The new-to-the-town vehicle could serve for approximately 10 years, after which it could be rotated to the secondary station.
- **Fiscal Impact:** The Mayor stated that the town has sufficient funds to purchase the truck without affecting emergency savings. Although the town explored payment plans and grant options, paying cash upfront was deemed the most prudent course of action.

- **Future Planning:** Discussion included long-term needs for a third fire truck due to town geography, future developer involvement in funding apparatus, and limitations of grant funding (most federal grants cover new equipment only, not used).
- **Growth and Fiscal Strategy:** The Mayor and Fire Chief emphasized the importance of preparing a strategic, long-term fire services plan, including future impact fee studies and setting aside annual depreciation funds. The lack of growth and limited commercial development were noted as funding constraints, though upcoming projects may improve the situation.

MOTION: Council Member Taylor moved that we approve the Resolution R-2025-07 Authorizing The Emergency Procurement Of A Fire Suppression Vehicle.

SECOND: The motion was seconded by Council Member Palmer.

VOTE: Mayor Farrar called for a Roll Call vote:

Council Member Taylor - Aye
 Council Member Sair - Aye
 Mayor Farrar - Aye
 Council Member Palmer - Aye
 Council Member Spendlove - Absent

The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

- The Fire Chief confirmed this was the best available vehicle and that the old truck would be surplussed (not retained as a backup).
- Proceeds from the surplus sale (estimated around \$20,000) could help offset the purchase cost.

REQUEST FOR A CLOSED SESSION: IF NECESSARY

MOTION: Council Member Sair motioned to go into a closed session for pending or imminent litigation.

SECOND: The motion was seconded by Council Member Palmer.

VOTE: Mayor Farrar called for a Roll Call vote:

Council Member Taylor - Aye
 Council Member Sair - Aye
 Mayor Farrar - Aye
 Council Member Palmer - Aye
 Council Member Spendlove - Absent

The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Farrar reconvened the meeting and called for a motion to adjourn.

MOTION: Council Member Sair motioned to adjourn.

SECOND: The motion was seconded by Council Member Palmer.

VOTE: Mayor Farrar called for a vote:

Council Member Taylor - Aye
Council Member Sair - Aye
Mayor Farrar - Aye
Council Member Palmer - Aye
Council Member Spendlove - Absent

The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

Date Approved: _____

Approved BY: _____
Mayor | Michael L. Farrar

Attest BY: _____
Town Clerk/Recorder | Jenna Vizcardo