



Agenda Item Report

Meeting Type: Committee of the Whole / Common Council Meeting

Meeting Date: December 16, 2025

Item Title: Restoration of 1925 American LaFrance to running condition

Submitted By: Scott Hazeltine, Columbus Fire Chief

Detailed Description of Subject Matter: With the possibility of an historic area to showcase the Columbus Fire Department 1925 America LaFrance, we would like to get this antique truck into running condition. We have (I'm still waiting on exact numbers) over \$29,000 in the Fire Truck Restoration fund. I have towed the truck to the only restoration place for American LaFrance Antiques in the area to get a quote on what it would take to get it back into running condition to showcase at the new station and parades. The current estimate is at \$15,300, not including brakes and any other issues that may arise as they work on the other repairs.

Owen Franz started fixing things assuming he was good to start. I stopped him when he notified me what he had done, saying that I have to get approval to withdraw the funds, so he stopped working on the truck.

We discussed painting and Owen recommended not painting it as the original paint job and a couple of nicks tell a story. It just needs some TLC to clean it up, as it has been in storage for a few years now.

List all Supporting Documentation Attached: Quote received from Owen Franz sent to me on 12/09/2025.

Action Requested of Council: Approval to continue the work to finish restoring the truck back into running condition with the funds available. With funds remaining after repair is done, the Fire Department would like to keep the fund open for residents that want to donate to future maintenance of this truck.