



TO: PUBLIC PROTECTION & SAFETY COMMITTEE

FROM: JACOB CARREL, FIRE CHIEF

RE: Response Vehicle Purchase

DATE: March 20, 2023

I am seeking to place an order for the purchase of a response vehicle for the Kaukauna Fire Department. The estimated delivery would be late summer/fall of 2023. We are looking to purchase and outfit a Chevrolet Silverado ½ pickup truck for this purpose. This vehicle is currently listed in year one (2023) of the 2023-2027 Capital Project List. We have created the vehicle specifications utilizing the Wisconsin State Contract in an effort to take advantage of their group pricing.

The daily purpose of this vehicle will be to allow for flexibility in our responses throughout the city. We are currently utilizing our main fire engine for all EMS responses to transport additional paramedics to the scene, as well as hundreds of fire inspections each year. This isn't an efficient use of the fire engine, and operating a smaller vehicle will be more economical, faster, and safer. The secondary benefit will be that it can be utilized as a command vehicle at active incidents. Currently, we do not have a vehicle in our fleet for this purpose. It is most common for fire departments to have at least one or two vehicles dedicated to this purpose.

Timeframe

Because we are utilizing several different funding sources, they all come with different restrictions, reporting requirements, and timelines. Our current time-sensitive item is that we must commit to the purchase by March 21st or risk losing half of our \$24,390 grant. The window of opportunity to order 2023 models produced for public safety is also short and has closed on us once already. We have the necessary funds on hand for the main purchase of the vehicle, but we would need the 2023 capital money to finish the project later this year.

Funding

The total budget for this project is \$85,000 from a variety of sources.

- \$24,390 from State of Wisconsin ARPA funds (Wisconsin Funding Assistance Program)
- \$4,983 from State of Wisconsin (Wisconsin Funding Assistance Program)
- \$14,455 from State of Wisconsin EMS Flex Grant
- \$17,000 from City of Kaukauna 2023 Capital Budget
- Remaining funds to be paid for from existing donation/grant funding.

We have the necessary funds on hand for the truck purchase of \$48,809.24, but we will need the \$17,000 of capital funds to complete the outfitting of the vehicle upon delivery later this year.

Recommended Action

I am seeking authorization to order a 2023 Chevrolet Silverado pickup truck using the state of Wisconsin contract pricing.