



REPORT TO CLIPP

ITEM NAME:	Replacement or Repair of Fire Department Car 2 (2006 Chevy 2500)
MEETING DATE:	September 6, 2023
PRESENTING COMMITTEE:	
COMMITTEE CONTACT:	
STAFF CONTACT:	Fire Chief Theresa O'Brien
PREPARED BY:	Fire Chief Theresa O'Brien

ISSUE: Extensive repairs needed for Fire Department vehicle Car2 - There have been some issues identified with the fire department pickup truck –these items are recently coming to light and are safety concerns. Currently the truck has been taken out of service until a decision can be made as it is not currently safe to operate. There has been a lack of a maintenance program previously within the fire department and that is an area that I am working on changing.

OBJECTIVES:

ISSUE BACKGROUND/PREVIOUS ACTIONS: History – this vehicle was donated to us from the Pipeline company a number of years ago and has been used for transportation to and from trainings, fire inspections on businesses in Kronenwetter and Town of Guenther, transport personnel to fire calls , transport hoses and equipment back to the station so it can be cleaned prior to being put back on the fire trucks, pull the UTV to grass fires, emergency calls requiring the UTV such as on snowmobile trails, etc. This truck is a 2 wheel drive, extended cab with only 2 full doors – this makes it harder to get in and out of the back seat especially if you are in fire gear.

This vehicle was on the replacement list to be replaced in 2024 and I had previously asked to have it added to the budget for 2024. We currently have the funding for maintenance and the fixes can come out of that budget item however I would like some direction. My recommendation is to not have this vehicle serviced and instead move towards a replacement vehicle. Initial thought was to repair the necessary items and forego the rest however that also becomes a safety issue if something else goes wrong that is caused by something we already knew about. My suggestion is a ¾ ton, 4 wheel drive, crew cab (4 full size doors), long box – however this cannot be pushed off for an extended period as we have immediate needs for this vehicle with the continued increase in emergency fire calls .

PROPOSAL:

ADVANTAGES:

DISADVANTAGES: Without the repairs or the purchase of a newer vehicle there will be additional expenses in mileage reimbursements due to members attending trainings as well as additional usage of personal vehicles on emergency scenes due to no other vehicle to transport personnel.

ITEMIZE ALL ANTICIPATED COSTS (Direct or Indirect, Start-Up/One-Time, Capital, Ongoing & Annual, Debt Service, etc.)

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Give direction on repair or replace of vehicle

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED:

TIMING REQUIREMENTS/CONSTRAINTS:

FUNDING SOURCE(s) – Must include Account Number/Description/Budgeted Amt CFY/% Used CFY/\$

Remaining CFY

Account Number:

Description:

Budgeted Amount:

Spent to Date:

Percentage Used:

Remaining:

ATTACHMENTS (describe briefly): See attached estimate of cost of repairs:

Estimate of repairs of current issues: \$5937.81

-inner and outer tie rod ends on both sides are worn

-engine oil cooler lines are leaking

-power steering pressure line is leaking

-2 broken/missing exhaust manifold bolts

-tires are cupping and starting to dry crack. Per NFPA standards, they would also need to be replaced due to age.
(They are older than 7 years)

-transmission output seal is leaking.

-it would need an alignment after tie rods and/or tires

-shocks -all appear original but would need to replace with getting new tires