

MEETING DATE
5/6/2024

CITY OF LAKE CITY

Report to Council

COUNCIL AGENDA	
SECTION	
ITEM NO.	

SUBJECT: Request funds to replace aging Ladder truck

DEPT / OFFICE: Fire Department

Originator: Joshua Wehinger, Fire Chief

City Manager Demetrius Johnson	Department Director Joshua Wehinger	Date 4/23/2024
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Recommended Action:

Utilize a portion of the remaining ARPA funds to purchase/replace Ladder 1

Summary Explanation & Background:

I am requesting permission to utilize a portion of the remaining ARPA funds to replace our 18 year old ladder truck. This truck was purchased in 2006 and is a 75 foot reach ladder. Due to the age and use, we currently are spending a lot of money each year in maintenance costs in order to keep it in service. This truck with it's limited reach is holding back some of the growth within our City. Currently we can only build a structure that is 6 stories as this is the highest our ladder will reach. The foot print of the Lake City HCA hospital currently does not allow us to reach all areas of the extended floors. This restricts us if there was ever a need for a rescue or to fight a large fire.

Currently the build time after purchase of a new replacement ladder truck is 36 months. We recently found out that there is a very rare option to purchase a demo unit that is currently in production. We will be limited on options but this will save on time and added increases to the price of the truck. Attached you will see the lead time on delivery of this demo unit is January 2025 and the cost savings due to it not having the new emissions. The original estimate I requested was based off of a December 22, 2022 bid. The cost has increased since this bid. It is my opinion that we utilize funds that we currently have in the ARPA fund in order to purchase this new truck as soon as possible. I am requesting a maximum amount of 2.2 million to replace Ladder 1 immediately.

Alternatives: continue to fund repairs and limit the growth of our community

Source of Funds: ARPA

Financial Impact: None

Exhibits Attached: Original bid and current bid of demo unit.

