



Town of Shallotte
ACTION AGENDA ITEM
2026

TO: Board of Aldermen
FROM: Paul Dunwell, Fire/Rescue Chief
EXT. #

ACTION ITEM #: _____
MEETING DATE: 05/05/2026
DATE SUBMITTED: 04/22/2026

ISSUE/ACTION REQUESTED:

Approve/Deny Contract
Sutphen Engine/Pumper

PUBLIC HEARING: YES NO

BACKGROUND/PURPOSE OF REQUEST:

This request is to approve or deny the contract for the purchase of a new custom fire apparatus as outlined in the attached proposal. The proposed apparatus is a Sutphen custom pumper designed to meet the department’s current and future operational needs, including enhanced fire flow capability, increased crew capacity, improved safety features, and long-term reliability. The estimated delivery time for the apparatus is approximately **32–34 months from contract approval**.

Upon delivery of the new apparatus, the existing 2004 Freightliner/E-One commercial water tender will be declared as surplus. The apparatus has reached the end of its effective service life, no longer aligns with the department’s deployment model or performance expectations, and has experienced prior fire exposure, raising concerns regarding long-term reliability and system integrity.

Approval of this contract will support the continued modernization of the department’s fleet, improve operational capability and firefighter safety, and ensure alignment with current service demands and standards, while allowing for the eventual disposition of the 2004 apparatus and reduction of ongoing maintenance costs.

FISCAL IMPACT:

BUDGET AMENDMENT REQUIRED:

YES NO

CAPITAL PROJECT ORDINANCE REQUIRED:

YES NO

PRE-AUDIT CERTIFICATION REQUIRED:

YES NO

REVIEWED BY DIRECTOR OF FISCAL OPERATIONS

YES NO

CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS:

REVIEWED BY TOWN ATTORNEY:

YES NO N/A

ADVISORY BOARD RECOMMENDATION:

TOWN MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION:

FINANCE RECOMMENDATION:

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Sutphen Specifications
 2. Sutphen Drawing
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ACTION OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

CLERK TO THE BOARD

DENIED:

**DEFERRED
UNTIL:**

SIGNATURE

OTHER: