



City Council Minutes
The City of Cortland
April 13, 2011

Council Meeting #8
April 13, 2011
Special Session
City Hall
7:00 PM

Present: Mayor Feiszli, Aldermen Craig, Hayes, Dye, Tobin, Ferrer, Ferguson and Michales

Staff Present: Corporation Counsel Patrick Perfetti (arrived 7:20 pm), Deputy Director of Administration and Finance Lori Crompton, City Clerk Shawn C. Smith and Chief Charles Glover.

Mayor Feiszli called the eighth Common Council meeting of the year to order at 7:00 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ANNOUNCEMENT:

Alderman Michales announced that the annual City clean-up will take place on Saturday, April 16, 2010 and he asked for a head count of colleagues that planned to help. Mayor Feiszli stated that she would help and would provide her truck. Anyone interested in participating should meet at 37 Church Street at 8:00 am. The clean-up is expected to last one (1) hour and college students will be participating.

AGENDA:

RESOLUTION # 77 OF 2011 – Resolution to award bid for the manufacture of a new engine under the FEMA grant received by the Fire Department. (Chief Glover)

Chief Glover acknowledged the Truck Committee's efforts. He also informed the Council that the City Fire Department has just received a five hundred thirty-five thousand five hundred ninety-eight (\$535,598) dollar SAFER grant for volunteer recruitment.

Deputy Chief Friedman provided the Council with an overview of the current apparatus which included twelve (12) vehicles ranging in makes and models from 1980 to 2010. He then covered the FEMA grant process which began with a notification in December 2010. He explained that the FEMA grant is for two hundred seventy-five thousand (\$275,000) dollars and had a specific performance time period and this was the reason for this special meeting called this evening.

Deputy Chief Friedman explained that this was a five (5) percent matching grant so that FEMA would give the City two hundred sixty-one thousand (\$261,250) and the City's responsible share is thirteen thousand seven hundred fifty (\$13,750) dollars. He noted that there was a performance period of one (1) year. He explained that the Truck Committee reviewed the fire department's needs, specs for the truck were developed, bids were developed and advertised for and received. He further noted that all of the bids received were carefully reviewed and compared. He explained that the build would typically take two hundred fifty (250) days. He explained that two (2) bids were received and he reviewed them with the Council.

Deputy Chief Friedman stated that the Truck Committee is recommending the Rosenbauer with a six (6) man custom enclosed cab, stainless steel construction, 2000 GPM, engine with a one thousand (1,000) gallon water tank, rescue style compartmentation and additional hose bed configurations.

Deputy Chief Friedman then reviewed the pros and cons of custom versus commercial manufacture. He noted that the custom provides additional safety specifications including rollover protection and NFPA 1901 safety measures.

Chief Glover then shared the rationale for the specific Rosenbauer model, the America, at a cost of four hundred seventy-four thousand three hundred forty-three (\$474,343) dollars. He stated that this model vehicle is stainless steel and it would last. He felt that with this purchase, the City Fire Department would not need another new vehicle for ten (10) years or more. He noted that the City would have to come up with four hundred sixteen thousand (\$416,000) dollars to purchase the two (2) trucks, utilizing the FEMA grants and they would not be returning to the Council for truck purchases for around ten (10) years. He noted that with new trucks, the department would reduce their maintenance costs.

Mayor Feiszli asked for questions from the Council.

Alderman Michales asked for an explanation of the difference between the base bid and the total price after credits.

Chief Glover explained that credits were options which may or may not be used.

Alderman Michales asked if the City could receive a discount for multiple truck purchases.

Chief Glover noted that he had spoken with Cortlandville about this and that there could potentially be a cost savings if they purchased a sister truck from the same company. Deputy Chief Friedman gave an explanation of some of the savings.

Corporation Counsel Perfetti noted that there were more labor costs involved with the purchase of a custom truck over a commercial truck.

Chief Glover agreed that there was.

Corporation Counsel Perfetti asked what the cost was for the closest comparable commercial truck.

Deputy Chief Friedman stated that it would be two hundred eight thousand (\$208,000) dollars for a commercial chassis and that it won't fit in the main Fire Station on Court Street.

Corporation Counsel Perfetti asked if a commercial truck would fit in the secondary Fire Station on Franklin Street.

Chief Glover stated that a commercial truck would fit in that station.

Alderman Tobin asked if the cost presented represented just the cost of the truck or was there equipment included.

Chief Glover stated that it was the cost of the truck. A new truck would be outfitted with existing equipment.

Alderman Tobin noted that it looked like three (3) trucks have been replaced recently. He asked if the Fire Department anticipated other truck purchases in the near future.

Chief Glover stated that he did not anticipate purchasing a truck for another ten (10) years.

Alderman Michales asked why engine cabs were open in the past.

Chief Glover noted that truck had jump seats for quick exit from the vehicle. He added that he has been in conversations with neighboring fire departments to man fewer reserve pieces, thus sharing services.

Mayor Feiszli asked if there were any more questions or further discussion.

By: Alderman Hayes
Seconded: Alderman Ferrer

Approved: Ayes – 7
Nays – 0

Resolution #77 Adopted by Mayor _____ Vetoed by Mayor _____

Chief Glover thanked the Council.

Mayor Feiszli thanked the Chief and the firemen.

Adjournment

By: Alderman Craig
Seconded: Alderman Ferrer

Approved: Ayes – 7
Nays – 0

Hearing no further business, Mayor Feiszli adjourned the meeting at 8:05 PM.

I, SHAWN C. SMITH, CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF CORTLAND, NEW YORK DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT SAID RESOLUTIONS WERE ADOPTED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CORTLAND, HELD ON THE 13th DAY OF APRIL 2011. I FURTHER CERTIFY THE FOREGOING RESOLUTIONS WERE PRESENTED TO THE MAYOR IN THE TIME REQUIRED FOR HER CONCURRENCE IN ADOPTION OR REJECTION BY VETO POWER.

SHAWN C. SMITH, CITY CLERK

MAYOR FEISZLI