

**City of Olivet
Special Council Minutes
January 22, 2024 – 4:30 p.m.**

Council Call to Order

Present: Mayor Laura Barlund-Maas, Don Walker, Joseph Davis, Gary Peterson, James Frohm, and Joe Hoffdahl.

Absent: Larry Marsh

Visitors' Section: None.

Approval of Agenda

MOTION by Walker, supported by Hoffdahl, to approve the agenda. Motion carried 6-0.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Fire Truck Purchase – Action Item

Fire Commissioner Don Walker asked Fire Chief John Collins “If he was able to secure a better discount rate than the initial 3% offered.” Collins stated that Spencer Manufacturing increased the discount rate from 3% to 3.5% on any downpayment. He said that the State of Michigan Grant will advance \$500,000.00 as a downpayment and is asking for the Council’s thoughts on putting additional money down from the equipment rental fund. Collins stated the savings from the discount would go towards the \$80,000.00 to \$100,000.00 needed to equip the fire truck. Collins is asking the Council to sign a contract with Spencer Manufacturing that will lock in the price of \$924,568.00 for the designated fire truck. Discussion took place regarding equipment and equipment warranties for the truck, interest rates earned on the General Fund balance versus the discount rate being offered on the downpayment, timing on reimbursement of funds, and the risk of decreasing the General Fund balance for an extended period of time.

MOTION by Walker, supported by Frohm, to approve signing the contract with Spencer Manufacturing to purchase the designated fire truck for \$924,568.00 with a discount of 3.5% on the \$500,000.00 advanced down payment from the State of Michigan grant. Motion carried 6-0.

Commissioner Comments

Joe Hoffdahl – Hoffdahl stated he was glad the fire truck was being upgraded.

Joe Davis – Davis stated he appreciated all the hard work that went into getting the grant.

Don Walker – Walker thanked the Council for the approval and thanked Chief Collins and the Officers for all the work that went into making this happen.

Gary Peterson – Peterson stated that he was looking forward to the new truck.

James Frohm – Frohm stated he had nothing to add.

Laura Barlund-Maas – Barlund-Maas stated she had nothing to add.

Council meeting adjourned at 4:54 p.m.

Laura Barlund-Maas, Mayor

Amy Huepenbecker, Clerk/Treasurer