

**CITY OF BANE BERRY**  
**SPECIAL COMMISSION MEETING**  
**January 24, 2018**

**Call to Order:** The Special Commission meeting was called to order by Mayor Clint Hurley on January 24, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. Those present were Mayor Clint Hurley, Vice-Mayor Brian Metzger and Commissioner Donna Hernandez.

**Purpose:** Mayor Hurley explained that the purpose of this special meeting was for the Board of Commissioners to review and discuss the updated information on the pumper/tanker fire truck. The meeting was not open to public discussion.

**Discussion:** Mayor Hurley gave a brief explanation of the process and reasoning for the purchase up to this point. Currently we have two options (1) purchase more apparatus or (2) improve the water flow by increasing pipe sizes. Replacing water lines is based upon a cost per mile and with a commitment from Witt Utility. The current truck can carry about 5 minutes' worth of water. Two inch pipes do not have enough water flow to fill up a tanker in a reasonable amount of time, thus shuttling one truck is not efficient. Based upon prior discussion we are going to leave water lines alone and concentrate on purchasing a tanker/pumper truck.

Assistant Fire Chief Sam Owens stated that he worked on what our needs are versus what our wants are- the wants list is much longer. He also took into account the capacity of 1500 gallons that our current truck has because we need to stay with the same flow rate per gallon. The proposed truck that we are looking at is a 1,750 gallon single axle truck that will fit into the largest bay in the fire house and that will best fit our needs. Vice-Mayor Metzger asked about the price and Sam Owens stated that the price was originally \$262,000 in 2016, at that time it was decided to hold off purchasing and apply for a grant to assist in paying for a portion of the truck. Since that point the price has gone up to \$272,461 – increase is attributed to the cost increase of the freightliner chassis and some of the equipment/accessories on the truck. Fire Chief Donnie Williford stated the truck comes with a bumper to bumper 2 year warranty and a 10 year paint warranty. In addition, routine maintenance can be done locally. Other tests, like the pump test and chassis inspection might have to be performed by a non-local company. There is a 300 day delivery date on the truck which would start on the day the order is placed with the manufacturer. The truck would meet NFA compliance for 25 years, then the truck could be used as a reserve; however, the reserve truck would not count toward the ISO rating due to the age of the truck at that time. Carmen Kammann inquired about the \$22,000 that we paid to the City of White Pine for fire costs. City Manager stated that \$12,500 is the annual costs of mutual aid agreement that the city has with White Pine and \$10,000 was a one-time payment for the costs for the new receptor tower that White Pine built and is shared between the two cities. Vice-Mayor Metzger inquired about the final cost of the truck in which Sam Owens stated that the final cost would be determined by any changes during final negotiations. Commissioner Hernandez asked about the \$30,000 cost for the hoses, coupling, etc. Sam Owens stated those items could be purchased over a period of time and Janice Hobson added that when we are approved as a Firewise Community some of those items could be purchased through a that program. Commissioner Hernandez inquired about how much would property taxes have to increase if we did not receive any funding for the fire department from the county. Mayor Hurley stated that taxes would not have to be increased. Rick Powers

asked if we could get a used truck. Mayor Hurley responded that we could get a used truck but the cost of a used truck versus how much of the remaining 25 year life on the used truck has to be taken into consideration. Mayor Hurley asked Sam Owens if there is any discount on the price if we ordered by the end of the month. Sam Owens stated that if there was a discount the discount would be figured in to the final cost of the truck. Commissioner Hernandez asked Sam Owens how many fire trucks has he ordered and he stated that “this would be the first”. Cliff Best commented that he thinks that we do not need the truck and the \$55,000 could be used for road projects. Cliff Best also opined that the fire department rarely saves a building. Mr. Best was informed by Mayor Hurley that the funds received from the county for the fire department have to be used specifically for fire department expenses.

Vice-Mayor Metzger made a motion to accept the price received from Toyne Manufacturing, Iowa for a pumper/tanker truck in the amount not to exceed \$273,113, including the addition of a vertical exhaust system. Mayor Hurley seconded the motion. Motion passed 2-1 with Commissioner Hernandez voting no.

**Adjournment:** A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Vice-Mayor Metzger and Mayor Hurley seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Thomas M Blair  
City Manager

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J. Clint Hurley  
Mayor

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