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Selectmen's Meeting 5:00pm
Town office

Thursday, September 12, 2019

WORKSESSION MINUTES

Approved as written: September 19, 2019

Present: Selectmen Farnum, Mason and Streeter, Fire Chief Colcord, Police Chief Littlefield, Town Administrator McWhirter, videographer from governmentoversite.com and several members of the public.

- CALL TO ORDER: At 5:01pm, Selectmen Farnum called the meeting to order.
- NEW BUSINESS:
 - Discuss Ambulance RFP
 - The board received and discussed the proposals from Action EMS Ambulance Service, Brewster Ambulance Service, CarePlus Ambulance Service and Life Star. The board and Chief Colcord agreed that Life Star did not follow the RFP instructions and set it aside. Action Ambulance presented the clearest proposal. The 5-year proposed price for Action Ambulance was \$1,077,340, Care Plus was \$1,319,543 and Brewster was \$1,973,092. Brewster priced for 2 paramedics, which was not what was asked for. The board compiled questions to bring forward when they meet with the 5 other towns included in this contract. The board stated that Brewster Ambulance and Action Ambulance would perform practice calls in the area if they get the contract. The board agrees that paramedic intercepts need to be paid by the ambulance company. CarePlus stated they would reduce the price if Tamworth provided the 3rd ambulance. The board and Chief Colcord do not wish to do that. The next meeting with the other towns is scheduled for September 16th at the Freedom town hall at 6:00pm.
 - Police Vehicle bids
 - The board discussed the proposals for the new police vehicle with Chief Littlefield. The proposals included 2020 Ford Explorer/Utility Interceptor Standard Police Package Cruiser and 2020 Chevy Tahoe SSV Standard Police Package Cruiser. The board discussed the durability of the ford product, and the size difference. The Chief stated he would like to stay with the Chevy product. Chief Littlefield will take a 2019 is one is available. After a lengthy discussion:

Selectman Farnum made a motion to purchase the Chevy Tahoe from MacMulkin Chevrolet in Nashua for \$35,885. The motion was seconded by Selectman Mason and passed unanimously.

Selectman Farnum made a motion to use NEVO a company out of Newington to equip the vehicle at a cost of \$10,335. The motion was seconded by Selectman Mason and passed unanimously.

Chief Littlefield discussed some activity on Turkey Street that should be addressed. On a lot, there are several campers and the owner is planning to add more. The concerns are illegal activity, unsanitary conditions etc. If residents have concerns, they should call dispatch immediately.

- Diesel bid
 - The only bid received from Irving Energy was not accepted. The request will go out again.
- RFP for Audit Firm
 - The board agreed to put out an RFP for a contracted audit firm for 3 years to perform audits for tax years 2019, 2020 and 2021.
- OLD BUSINESS:
 - Selectman Streeter will share a Social Media Policy she received from a town in Vermont. The board wishes to incorporate the cell phone policy and electronics policy. This will be discussed later.
 - Traffic and Road Regulation Policy was discussed and updated. Changes will be made and reviewed by town counsel. Once this is completed, the board will accept at a Public Hearing scheduled for a later date.
- UPDATES:
 - Selectman Mason stated the CC broadband committee will meet on September 18th from 10 to noon in Wakefield. The Sewer Commissioners are meeting on September 18th at 6pm at the Tamworth Town Office.
 - Town Administrator McWhirter reported that the 2019 revaluation has been completed and the letters will be mailed at the beginning of next week. If residents wish to discuss their new assessments, hearings have been scheduled for September 27th, September 30th and October 4th from 9-3:30pm.
- SIGNATURE:
 - Selectman Farnum made a motion to approve and sign the thank you letter to Keith Garrett for the recommendation for the IT services agreement. The motion was seconded by Selectman Mason and passed unanimously.
 - Selectman Farnum made a motion to approve and sign the thank you letter to the Carroll County Commissions for attending the Selectmen's meeting. The motion was seconded by Selectman Mason and passed unanimously.

- ADJOURNMENT: At 7:33pm, Selectman Mason made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Selectman Streeter and passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Darlene McWhirter
Town Administrator

Daniel J. Poirier

Rebecca Mason

Aaron Ricker

Melanie Streeter

William W. Farnum