

**WESTBROOK CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES
MONDAY DECEMBER 11, 2017 AT 6:30PM
WESTBROOK HIGH SCHOOL ROOM 114**

CALL TO ORDER

Called to order at 6:30pm by Public Safety Committee Chair Lynda Adams.

Councilors Present: Lynda Adams (Ward 5); Victor Chau (Ward 2); Gary Rairdon (Ward 4/Committee Member); Anna Turcotte (Ward 3); John O'Hara (At-Large/Committee Vice Chair) Brendan Rielly (Ward 1)

Councilors Absent: Ann Peoples (At-Large/Committee Chair);

Other City Officials Present: Shawn Adams (Public Safety Mechanic); Jerre Bryant (City Administrator); Natalie Burns (City Solicitor); Eric Dudley (Director of Public Services); Greg Hamilton (Director of IT & Communications); Suzanne Knight (Finance Director); Ashley Rand (Deputy City Clerk); Janine Roberts (Police Chief); Michael Sanphy (Mayor); Steve Sloan (Deputy Fire Chief); Andrew Turcotte (Fire Chief)

ENGINE 4 REPAIRS/ REPLACEMENT

Committee Chair Adams opened the floor to Mr. Bryant Chief Turcotte, and Deputy Chief Sloan to give an overview of the repairs and maintenance that Engine 4 needs. Engine 4 serves multi-purpose truck serving as a quint, pumper and ladder. Engine 4 has been out of service since September 8, 2017. Engine 4 was inspected by an E-One vendor from the State of Maine. The repairs and maintenance the truck needs to be back in service is outline in the attached report. Engine 4 has two sister city trucks, one in Windham and the other is in South Portland. South Portland took their truck out of service completely. Some minor cosmetic issues as well as a replacement motor was done to Engine 4 in 2016. In the future modifications will be made with the additional staff the department just hired in order to reduce the call use on Engine 4. The department is looking at using a fly car to get personnel to various rescue calls instead of having Engine 4 respond. This modification will help increase the life of the truck. To replace Engine 4 entirely, the cost would be roughly 1.5 million. The Chiefs recommendation is to replace the frame rails and other maintenance issues to allow the truck to be back and service and obtain another 7-10 years out of the truck. The repair costs are roughly \$172,000. Time estimate to refurbish the truck would be 3 months.

The following Council members and public members presented questions and comments to Administration:

1. Vice President O'Hara
2. Mr. Adams
3. Mr. Bryant
4. Councilor Rairdon
5. Councilor Chau
6. Mr. Sloan
7. President Rielly
8. Councilor Adams

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Committee ask that the Emergency repairs to Engine 4 moved to Council for consideration.

Moved by President Rielly, Seconded by Councilor Turcotte

Motion carried by show of hands. Vote (6-0-0) Councilor Peoples Absent

REPLACEMENT OF EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS RADIO SYSTEM

Committee Chair Adams opened the floor to Mr. Bryant and Mr. Hamilton to give an overview of the project. The City Council recently approved the total capital improvement plan of which \$300,000 was dedicated to the replacement of our aging and at times failing radio system. Due to the size, scope, price and far reaching impact of this much need project, administration is looking for guidance from all stakeholders both internal to the City and external such as our mutual aid communities. Administration is requesting to work with our current radio vendor, Radio Communications Management (RCM) as a sole source vendor for this project. Replacing the radio system will allow the capability to have a dual system that can transmit both digital and analog with three transition sites within the City to gain further range and clearer radio traffic. Those sites would be: City Hall, Engine 3 Station, and Westbrook Middle School. Public Safety is running into safety issues with the current radio system because it isn't picking up newer systems that are digital. Once this project is approved, it will take roughly 3-4 months to complete the system replacement.

The following Council members and public members presented questions and comments to Administration:

1. Councilor Chau
2. Councilor Turcotte
3. Deputy Sloan
4. Mr. Hamilton
5. Vice President O'Hara

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The committee ask that the administration gather price quotes and options for potential community partners out there for this project. Administration is to report back to committee once more data is collected.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 7:15pm.

Moved by Councilor Turcotte, seconded by Councilor Chau.

Motion carried by a show of hands, none opposed.