

Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Committee
July 20, 2016 Minutes
Location: Safety Center

Approved _____

Call to Order: 6:00pm

I. Attendance:

Larry Young-CIP	David Jodoin-Town Administrator
Bryan Christiansen-CIP	Police Chief Gilman
Tina Courtemanche-CIP	Police Lieutenant Gaskell
Dianne Schuett-CIP	Fire Chief Harold Paulson
Janna Culberson-CIP	John Thurner-Fire Department
Rosemarie Michaud-CIP	Paul Gagne-Fire Department
Gerry Fleury-CIP	Rob Farley-Fire Department

II. Approval of Minutes 7/13/16

Minutes postponed to next CIP Meeting.

III. Police Department-2017 CIP Requests

Police Chief Gilman and Lieutenant Gaskell were in attendance to present their requests for the 2017 budget. The Police Department is requests two new cruisers. These would replace two of the Ford Taureses and replace them with the Ford Utility Cruiser. Quoted price of the each cruiser is \$27,558.00 with an estimated cost of \$10,000.00 each to equip the vehicles with the necessary materials.

Gerry Fleury asked if the Police Department has received quotes on any other makes of cars such as Chevrolet or Chrysler. Chief Gilman stated they had not specifically obtained quotes for this budget season however with talking with surrounding towns they are all gearing away from these brand vehicles.

Bryan Christiansen requested to know if are any older vehicles in the fleet that are being skipped over to replace the Taureses. Chief Gilman stated that there are two older vehicles which are the Chief and Lieutenants cars however the mileage on the cars are much lower than those being replaced.

Gerry Fleury asked if the Ford's now have aluminum frames. Chief Gilman stated that yes they do have the aluminum frames. Gerry Fleury urged for this reason that in the future to look at the other manufacturers for quotes as well.

Also discussed was the potential for reusing some of the equipment from the vehicles being replaced to keep down cost. At this point it is unclear whether things can be reused. It depends on the design of the 2017 cruisers. However if possible the CIP Committee was assured they would.

There are no other requests from the Police Department for the 2017 Budget. CIP Committee went outside to look at the cruisers being replaced.

IV. Fire Department-2017 CIP Requests

Chief Paulson, John Thurner, Paul Gagne and Rob Farley were in attendance to present the 2017 CIP requests for the Fire Department. The Fire Department would like to request \$135,000 to be placed in the Major Equipment Capital Reserve Fund as well as \$10,000 in the Small Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. There are no major purchases on the docket for the 2017 year.

Gerry Fleury noted that the future replacement of one particular piece of equipment was estimated to cost in excess of \$4 million and he questioned whether capital reserve contributions were the best way to finance a vehicle with such a long life and such a high replacement cost. He suggested that perhaps bonding such a purchase might be more financially advantageous. Chief Paulson stated that while he understood Gerry's prospective, he was concerned that passing a bond issue might be more difficult and could complicate the execution of the replacement schedule.

Discussion was had that in the next year or two that they would be coming before the committee requesting to purchase a smaller type of truck. This is to better service the community as the large pieces aren't necessary at the majority of the calls. Some of the surrounding towns have gone to this type of equipment and have found it successful. The next large purchase for small equipment would be to replace the radios in two years. These were originally government funded however they are not anymore and are out of date as parts can't be ordered anymore.

CIP Members were invited to look at the current equipment after the meeting.

V. Other Business

Next Meeting starts at 6pm at Memorial Field with the Recreation Department.

VI. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn was made by Brian Christianson. Motion seconded by Dianne Schuett. Motion passed 7-0 at 7:08pm.

