

THE LEVELLAND CITY COUNCIL MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON MONDAY, THE 13th OF APRIL 2021, AT LEVELLAND CITY HALL, R. O. DENNIS COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 1709 AVENUE H, WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Barbra Pinner	Honorable Mayor	Present
Jim Myatt	Council Member	Present
Max Ledesma	Mayor Pro-Tem	Present
Breann Buxkemper	Council Member	Present
Joe Bill Vardeman	Council Member	Absent
Matt Wade	City Attorney	Absent
Erik Rejino	City Manager	Present
Andréa Corley	City Secretary	Present

The Pledge was led by Mayor Barbra Pinner and the Invocation was given by Council Member Jim Myatt

Statements by Citizens:

There were no statements by citizens

FIRST ITEM OF BUSINESS:

Consider and take necessary action to award a bid for a brush truck for the Levelland Fire Department.

As Council is aware, the current budget includes funds to replace one of the three brush trucks, Unit B-10, in the Levelland Fire Department. The budget includes \$100,000 to match a Texas Forest Service (TFS) Grant. A new brush truck will cost approximately \$280,000. We have been notified by the TFS that while we are still on the waiting list, the City of Levelland will not be funded for at least a few more years. This particular brush truck that is in need of replacement is a 2005 and is used as a third run truck when needed. The other two brush trucks, Unit B-12 and unit B-14 are the initial trucks that respond to grass fires and they respond jointly for safety reasons. Unit B-10 ensures there is a brush truck on standby in the event of another emergency incident requiring a brush truck.

Unit B-10 has had some significant mechanical overhauls with 260,805 miles which includes having to rebuild the front end twice. At this time, while the brush truck is on standby when needed, it is in need of some significant repairs and improvements which is why we had planned to replace it this year. However, without the grant there are not sufficient funds to replace Unit B-10 at this time with a new unit.

Another issue that has surfaced recently is that of Unit B-12 which serves as a primary booster truck and second run truck. The tank on Unit B-12 has started splitting in multiple locations. While the tank is under warranty and repairing the tank will not cost the City

anything, the truck will have to go offline for 45-60 days while the repairs are made. This creates an issue as it is the very beginning of grass fire season.

Prior to taking Unit B-12 offline for repairs we must first develop a plan to address Unit B-10 now that we know the grant is not going to be available.

On March 22, 2021, Council authorized staff to issue a Request for Proposals for a used brush truck.

A bid was received from First-In Public Safety Solutions for a 2017 International Brush Truck. The gross bid was \$160,000. They pledged \$10,000 for out trade-in. The net bid is \$150,000.

Motion by Breann Buxkemper

Seconded by Jim Myatt

To award the bid for a brush truck to First-In Public Service Solutions

Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Andréa Corley, City Secretary