

CITY OF MACCLENNY
Special Session
May 10, 2016
5:45 p.m.

The City Commission met in special session, Tuesday, May 10, 2016 with the following present: Mayor Gary Dopson, City Manager Phil Rhoden, City Attorney Frank Maloney, Commissioners Mark Bryant, Sam Kitching, Cecil Horne Jr., and Danny Norton and Council Secretary Deanna Dinkins.

Mayor Dopson called the special session to order. City Manager Phil Rhoden opened the meeting with prayer, followed by a pledge to the United States Flag.

Mayor Dopson said the purpose of the meeting is to discuss the City's application submitted to USDA Rural Development for funding to purchase a squad vehicle, dive boat and needed equipment for the Fire Department. Melissa Thompson then informed the Board the City was approved for funding in the amount of \$110,929. Grant funding is 55% (\$61,000) and the City will pay the remaining 45% (\$49,929). We will be purchasing a new Ford 5500 crew cab 4-wheel drive pick-up truck with gas engine that will be considered a squad vehicle. The vehicle will have multiple uses including being utilized as a brush truck, transportation for the dive team and their equipment, hazmat, confined space, high angle rescue, etc. We will also purchase necessary equipment for the dive team: four dry suits, face masks, a communication system, helmets, ropes, etc; and 24 air cylinders that would have to be replaced anyway.

There is a Loan Resolution (Resolution 16-06) that will be approved at the regular meeting stating it is a grant in an amount not to exceed \$61,000.

Chief Dugger addressed the Board and briefly discussed the need for the equipment and how it would benefit the department.

Commissioner Norton asked since this was not a budgeted item would the City's portion come out of reserves. Manager Rhoden stated we do not intend to go over budget.

Commissioner Horne asked if this money had to be repaid. Manager Rhoden replied the \$61,000 was a grant that would not have to be repaid. The City would pay \$49,929.

Commissioner Kitching noted the importance of this equipment and was appreciative of the grant funding.

Mayor Dopson asked what would be done with the current brush truck. Manager Rhoden stated as long as it is running we will still use it.

Mayor Dopson asked staff to inquire about cost/benefit of insurance coverage on the vehicles. Manager Rhoden reported that a couple of vehicles have been removed recently and he would have staff research. He went on say that until about three years ago, we received vehicles from the Sherriff's Office. Our fleet is aging, and we will need to budget for one or two vehicles per year. If we do not do this, we may wind up needing to replace many at one time.

Commissioner Bryant asked if the issue with the current vehicle was mechanical soundness or power and age. Chief Dugger replied that it is power to pull it as well as a safety factor in trying to stop, as the current vehicle is not designed to pull that kind of weight.

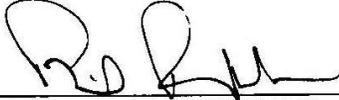
Commissioner Kitching asked Chief Dugger to elaborate on the statement that he chose to purchase gasoline engine rather than diesel because of the cost factor. Chief Dugger stated the cost to keep a diesel on the road would be approximately another \$4,000 per year budgeted in terms of cleaning the DPF filter and all of the other pollution control parts. He also felt dependability would be higher in a gasoline engine based on past experience.

With no further business, the special meeting was adjourned.




MAYOR CARY DORSON

ATTEST:



CITY MANAGER/ CLERK PHIL RHODEN