

Special Council Meeting
December 30, 2014, 5:30 p.m.
City of Oswego, Kansas

Present: Councilmembers Jane Rea, Susan Bringle, Dee Brown, Kelly Vance, Darren Tynan and Bill Owens with Mayor Glenn Fischer presiding.

Also present: City Clerk Carol Eddington, City Superintendent Calvin Strickland and Bill Cunningham.

The meeting was called to discuss the fact that the transmission has gone out of the primary trash truck. Supt. Jurgensen said that the city put a new transmission in this truck in 2012. It is a Mercedes motor with almost 100,000 miles on it. To put in a new transmission, it would cost the city \$7,000. However, with the make of the motor and the miles on it, the mechanic said the truck will probably need new injectors soon as well (these are also expensive repairs).

Councilmember Tynan arrived at 5:41 p.m.

The city has been using the old back up truck to pick up trash while Supt. Jurgensen looked into options for the city. He looked at used trucks on the market right now but the newest he could find was a couple of 2009's and these trucks already had high mileage. He has spoken with Downing Sales about purchasing a new Freightliner truck (\$126,934 with trading our truck in) as well as using our old bed and just purchasing a new chassis (\$88,012.31 with trading in our chassis). He also looked into purchasing a new Peterbuilt (\$130,300 with trading our truck in). Joplin Peterbuilt offers a 3 year warranty on the motor and transmission and Downing Sales offers a 2 year warranty on their truck's motor and transmission. Jurgensen said that both of the new trucks would be available within 1 – 2 weeks. If the city were to have the bed on the old truck rebuilt and installed on a new chassis, it would probably not be available until March.

In light of the age of the current truck and the fact that the city put in a new transmission just two years ago, Jurgensen is recommending purchasing a new truck. He has inspected both the Peterbuilt and the Freightliner and said that the Peterbuilt is a better, heavier made truck. It should last longer than the Freightliner. Jurgensen said he thought the city could probably get 10 years out of the Peterbuilt. His recommendation is to purchase the new Peterbuilt and trade in our trash truck.

Clerk Eddington provided information on the Refuse Fund and different scenarios as to financing the purchase. She reported that the fund is just breaking even. Rates probably should have been raised a couple of years ago since no funds have been put into Refuse Surplus since 2011. The surplus money is needed for major purchases such as when the transmission goes out or purchases of polycarts and dumpsters. The city used to build up enough in that fund to purchase a trash truck outright when the time came. Presently, there is only \$68,698.89 in the surplus account.

Eddington said that the city could enter into a lease/purchase agreement with a bank or transfer some funds from the water (\$50,000), sewer (\$50,000) and refuse (\$30,000) surplus accounts

into Municipal Equipment (as the auditor has previously suggested) and make the necessary equipment purchase. Paying for the truck outright would save the city approximately \$13,867 in interest.

Consensus was to have Supt. Jurgensen obtain a hard quote on purchasing a new Peterbuilt and prepare the current truck for trade in. Council also did not want to enter into a lease purchase agreement and agreed the city should pay for the truck outright. The item will be discussed again at the Special Council meeting on January 6th at 6:00 p.m.

Owens made a motion and Brown seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:31 p.m. Motion carried.

Mayor Glenn Fischer

Attest:

City Clerk Carol Eddington