



**To:** Mayor Dodgen and Council Members  
Steve Parker, City Manager

**From:** Dale Skinner, Fire Chief

**Date:** April 10, 2025

**Re:** Purchase of Weis Fire Quick Attack Brush Truck

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### **Historical Background**

Brush trucks are used to provide rapid and effective response to wildland fires, grass fires, and off-road fire incidents. These vehicles are typically equipped with four-wheel drive, off-road tires, and a water tank with pump and hose system, allowing crews to access remote or rugged terrain where larger fire apparatus cannot operate. Brush trucks are essential for initial attack operations, mop-up, and patrol duties during wildfire season. In addition to firefighting tools, they may carry medical kits and rescue equipment to support operations in hard-to-reach areas. Their agility and versatility make brush trucks a critical asset in our department's wildland fire suppression strategy.

A dependable fleet supports firefighter readiness and public trust, reinforcing the department's ability to respond efficiently to any emergency situation. Maintaining a reliable fire department fleet is essential to ensuring quick, safe, and effective emergency response. Well-maintained vehicles reduce the risk of mechanical failure during critical incidents, which can save lives and property. To maintain this reliability, there is a need to replace the department's 2015 brush truck and move it to reserve status.

### **Action Requested**

Authorization to purchase a Weis Fire Quick Attack Brush Truck on a Ford F450 chassis from Weis Fire & Safety Equipment.

### **Procurement Methodology & Funding Source**

This Capitol Project was approved with the FY2025 budget. Purchase is being made utilizing the HGAC cooperative purchasing agreement. Purchases utilizing the HGAC contract are in compliance with state bidding requirements and allow local governments the benefit of volume discount pricing and an expedited procurement process. Delivery time for the units is approximately 18 months.

**Staff Recommendation**

Staff recommends the purchase of a Weis Fire Quick Attack Brush Truck on a Ford F450 chassis and associated loose tools and equipment from Weis Fire & Safety Equipment. be approved in the amount not to exceed the budgeted amount of \$350,000.

**Attachments**

Vender quote.

Respectfully,



Dale Skinner  
Fire Chief