



**To:** Mayor Keil and Council Members  
City Manager Doug Faseler

**From:** Dale Skinner, Fire Chief

**Date:** September 6, 2017

**Re:** Purchase of Fire Engine

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During an emergency response in the midst of tropical storm Harvey, a fire department pumper was severely damaged when a large tree fell, striking the cab of the unit.

The unit damaged is a 2004 model American LaFrance. This manufacturer filed bankruptcy in 2008 and is no longer in business, making parts extremely hard to locate or no longer available. Our insurance carrier has deemed the truck totaled as the cost to repair the unit far exceeds its value and must be replaced. The city will receive \$54,111 from TML insurance.

This unit serves as a reserve unit and is placed into active service when front-line apparatus is being repaired. It is also utilized during large scale events such as tropical storm Harvey.

The fire department contacted the vendor that the last pumper was purchased from to obtain information on available stock units comparable to the pumper purchased in 2016. The vendor provided a list of available pumpers that meets the needs of the department while remaining fiscally mindful.

The department selected a "stock" unit that has many of the features its newest pumper has. The intent is for this unit to be assigned as a front-line unit at station 3 and the current unit, a 2012 Pierce Sabre, will be placed into reserve status.

The department is recommending the purchase of a 2017 Pierce Enforcer Pumper with a 1500gpm (gallons per minute) pump and a 1,000 gallon water tank through the BuyBoard cooperative purchasing agreement, utilizing Siddons-Martin Emergency Group in Denton, TX, as the dealer, for the amount of \$617,180. Delivery time for the truck is 1 – 2 months.

I have been working with Susan Caddell, Finance Director, on the financing that is available through the truck manufacturer, our bank, and the issuance of Tax Notes. After considering the various options, staff has determined that the issuance of Tax Notes is the most cost effective method of financing. She will be working with Duane Westerman of SAMCO on the Tax Notes issue and will be recommending a seven year term. The financing will be presented for City Council consideration and approval at the October 2, 2017 City Council meeting.

Staff will answer any questions you have regarding this matter.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Skinner', written over the printed name.

Dale Skinner  
Fire Chief