

TOWN OF DUNCAN
Special Call Council Meeting Minutes
Thursday February 2, 2023 1:00 PM

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The Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor Shirley Clopton at 6:00 p.m. A roll call was given and present at call was Mayor Shirley Clopton, Councilmember James Waddell, Councilmember Calvin Cowen and Councilmember Greg Rensberger. Also in attendance at Call was Town Administrator Cameron Fant and Fire Chief Barry Frost. Police Chief Shandrell Holcombe was absent.

In compliance with the Freedom of Information Act, notice of this meeting was submitted by e-mail to the Spartanburg Herald-Journal and the Greer Citizen on February 1, 2023. The agenda was posted on the front door of the Duncan Police Department and Town Hall on February 1, 2023. The agenda was also uploaded to the Town of Duncan Website on February 1, 2023. Included on the agenda was the toll-free call-in number and a statement encouraging people to attend the meeting via the toll-free call-in number as an option to attending the meeting in person.

Town Administrator Cameron Fant led the Invocation and Mayor Clopton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Then Mayor Clopton called Town Administrator Cam Fant to the Floor for the reading of Resolution No. R-20230202-01, a Resolution to allow the Town Administrator to enter into a Purchase Agreement with Spartan Fire and Emergency Apparatus to purchase a Pierce Pumper Built Fire Truck at a cost not to exceed \$944,459 and to finance the purchase with a 15 year municipal loan from Truist Bank at an interest rate of 4.69% with annual payments due 12 months after funding the vendor; and other matters related thereto. Fant took the Floor and thanked Council for attending the special call meeting. Fant said that this meeting was urgent because the price of this fire truck was going to increase by 2.5% the very next day if we didn't give Pierce the okay on the contract. Fant said that Pierce has another price increase of 2.5% scheduled for sometime in April 2023. Fant said there is no worry of any surcharge after we sign the contract and officially lock in the price. Fant said Pierce is able to guarantee no surcharge because they stay on top of manufacturing costs, hence the frequent price increases. Fant said the other reason for urgency is that even if we lock in the price today we would not take possession of the fire truck for 36 months due to construction delays caused by supply chain problems, labor problems and overall high demand for fire trucks. Fant then told Council that if we lock in the

price and then payoff the fire truck within 30 days of locking in the price and paying for the purchase we would be able to get a \$45,000 pre-payment discount. Fant said to be able to payoff the truck within 30 days of signing the contract we would get a loan from Truist Bank. Fant said the loan would be a 15 year municipal loan calling for annual payments at an interest rate of 4.69%. Fant said the first payment would be due 12 months from the loan being funded. Fant said that we would get a performance bond with the purchase that would essentially be insurance that would pay us back the purchase price of the contract in the event something happened with Pierce and they couldn't fulfill the contract. Fant said the loan would be set for amortized payments from the onset meaning we would be paying principal back on each payment. After that Fant called Fire Chief Barry Frost to the Floor for additional input. Frost took the Floor and told Council that we typically try to replace fire trucks every 10 years. Frost said we will be well past that once we actually take possession of this tire truck. Frost then walked Council thru the current fire apparatus inventory. Frost went thru the technology and the design package for this fire truck. Then Frost and Fant answered a couple various questions from Council. Next Mayor Clopton made a Motion to approve Resolution No. R-20230202-01, a Resolution to purchase a fire truck and finance the purchase with Truist Bank. Her Motion was followed by a Second from Councilmember Cowen. The vote to approve Resolution No. R-20230202-01 passed 4-0.

At approximately 1:42 p.m. Mayor Clopton asked for a Motion to close the special call meeting. A Motion was made by Councilmember Waddell and his Motion was Seconded by Mayor Clopton. The Vote to close the meeting passed 4-0.

Approved by Council this _____ day of _____, 2023

By:

Mayor Shirley Clopton

Attest _____

Clerk to Council, Melody Millwood