

TO: Village Council and Mayor Brown
FROM: Finance Committee, Rob Bartlett - Chair
RE: Purchases for Fire Department
DATE: February 26, 2020

The Finance Committee met on Wednesday, February 26, 2020 at 6:30 pm in Council Chambers to discuss purchase requests by the Fire Department. Present at the meeting were Finance Committee Chair Rob Bartlett, Finance Committee Members Kelly Rankin and Joe Stelzer, and Assistant Fire Chief Tim Feichtner.

The Finance Committee reviewed the purchase requests submitted by the Fire Department as part of the Permanent Improvement Budget process for 2020. The Fire department is requesting five new sets of turn-out gear, an upgrade to the mobile data computers, and a new chest compression system for EMS.

The cost of the five new sets of turn-out gear will be \$16,975.00. They will be purchased from Phoenix Safety Outfitters. This price is only good until March, so it is important to act quickly. This equipment is being purchased via the state contract, which ensures we are getting the same low price from all dealers.

The cost of the upgrade to the mobile data computers is \$11,950. This includes 5 Surface Pro 7 tablets with Windows 10 professional, 5 Surface Pro docking stations, 5 locking mounts for the Surface Pro, and 5 cradle point devices, antennas and power supply. The Surface Pro equipment will be purchased from the Microsoft Store in Kenwood and will cost \$5,120.30. The locking mounts will be purchased from Jotto Desk for \$1,122.06. The cradle point devices, antennas and power supply will be purchased from DH Wireless Solutions for \$5,707.64. This upgrade is required in order to be able to interact with the new County Computer Aided Dispatch, which is being implemented in February. The current system is supposed to be decommissioned in the next few months.

The quote for the chest compression system is \$14,881.40 from Stryker, the manufacturing of the equipment. Assistant Fire Chief Feichtner also obtained quotes from two other companies: MFI Medical whose cost was \$15,950.00, and AED.Us whose cost was also \$15,950.00. Assistant Chief Feichtner estimates that over 65% of the paramedic units in Cincinnati now have this equipment, and it is especially important for EMS units like ours that are not always fully staffed due to using part time firefighters/paramedics.

All three of these items were included in the approved Permanent Improvement budget for 2020. The 5 sets of turn-out gear were budgeted for \$17,000. The upgrade to the mobile data computers was budgeted for \$12,000. And the chest compression device was budgeted for \$15,000. As such, the Finance Committee recommends purchasing this equipment soon to lock in the quoted prices, and to use money budgeted in the Permanent Improvement Fund.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rob Bartlett, Chairman

Kelly Rankin, Vice-Chairman

Joe Stelzer, Member