

MINUTES

City of Lake Elmo Maintenance Advisory Committee Meeting February 11, 2020

Members Present: Dave Moore, Richie Springborn and Dick Weir

Members Absent: none

Staff Present: Public Works Director Marty Powers

The meeting was called to order by Chair Moore at 4:50 PM.

Approval of Agenda

Agenda was approved unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

a) 5-30-2019

b) 12-19-2019

Minutes were accepted as presented.

Utility Van Purchase

Powers presented on the proposed purchase of a new utility van to replace an outdated 2007 Ford utility van as outlined in the CIP. Powers said they looked at a Ford Transit and a Dodge Promaster. Comparing the two models, Public Works were drawn to the Dodge because it uses front wheel drive and the roof is tall enough for the guys to easily get in and out. The Dodge fits the budget much better than the Ford model. Mr. Moore asked Powers if he reached out to the local dealership. He said he did and never received a bid from them.

The committee expressed concern about only wanting a 2500 model instead of a 1 ton. Powers said everyone he talked to said that would be enough power to haul everything they need to and it is \$2,000 cheaper.

Mr. Weir was concerned that the 2500 model will not be able to handle all the weight and would want to upgrade to the 1 ton if possible. He also stated that reviews for this van is not great and he is nervous about front wheel drive.

Powers said they could choose an all-wheel model from Ford for \$16,000 more which would still be in budget, but Public Works was not impressed with that model.

Powers went through the quote sheet for outfitting the Dodge. Powers wants to remove the custom bulkhead and just keep the stock bulkhead to save \$1,000 if the committee wants to pursue the Dodge. With the outfitting Powers quoted the van purchase at \$43,000. He mentioned if they wanted to upgrade to the Ford it would run about \$14,000 more.

The committee asked if the outfitting would still be the same for the 1 ton, Powers said it would be. The 1 ton runs \$2,000 more than the 2500. The committee liked the safety features that were in the Ford model compared to the Dodge.

Weir was hesitant about going with the Dodge, if they go with the Dodge, he would at least like it to be the 1 ton model.

Powers reiterated that there were enough benefits for this Dodge model that attracted Public Works to the van. The van would be used mostly for utilities like water main breaks or lift station issues.

Weir motioned to amend the model of the van to upgrade the Dodge model from a 2500 to a 1 ton. Seconded by Springborn. Motion carried.

Moore clarified with Powers that the 1 ton model still has front wheel drive. Powers confirmed that. No further discussion.

Motion by Wier, seconded by Springborn to recommend the purchase of a new 1 ton 2020 Dodge Promaster Utility Van. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

**Respectfully Submitted,
Alex Saxe, Deputy Clerk**

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