

CIP committee 10/19/2023

Rob Mora brought the meeting to order at 6:32 PM

In attendance Rob Mora, Mark Haynes, Caroline Muller, Mike Little, Jane Laroche, Tyler Carmichael, Mike Foote, And Steve Bogert. Staff in attendance Planning Director Kathy Menici and Zoning Technician Scott Pelchat.

Rob Mora Sought a motion to accept the minutes from the prior meeting and they were accepted unanimously.

Fire Chief Tim Joubert opened the evening with the fire department presentation. Tim started with the prior CIP projects that were done and went into current projects in progress replacing a 1991 fire engine as well as a 2007 ambulance. Also fire gear and a bailout system for the firefighters. Tim emphasized more about the bailout systems for his firefighters as well as the new clothing for them as well. The Chief went into the three response vehicles a Dodge 3500, a Ford 3500, and a Chevy SUV. Next on the list was the request to replace 13B1. The rescue boat used on lake Winnepesaukee and Paugus Bay. Tim explained this craft was originally received through donations Tim stated that this was his top pick for this year and further explained the potential for life saving aboard a potential new vessel as well as the ability to attack the fire from the lake side as well as the street side. The Chief spoke well about the possible improved firefighting capabilities as well as a better navigation system. Next on the list was the replacement of 13L5 Ladder truck this is a 1998 ladder truck. Steve Bogert asked about the back-up and if it had space for storing it Chief Joubert stated it would be stored at the Weirs station. Next on the list was the ambulance replacement of their 1995 rescue ambulance. Also, a request to enclose a below grade entrance to allow for safe entry and egress into the central station. Further request for 24 bail out systems for the firefighters to evacuate the building with haste by using a tethered belt system for escape measures. Next would involve the replacement of the fire protective clothing for the firefighters as the current clothing is reaching its end. Tim asked questions from the panel Mike Little asked about the suits and how the suits may have PFOA's and what risk this may cause Tim answered this as there is more research being done to conclude the potential risk. Rob Mora asked the Chief if any grants were looked for in the payments for these items. Jane Laroche mentioned the change between last year's estimate compared to this year's numbers compared to the final purchase price. Rob Mora asked about island rescues and at what frequency this is happening the average was about 25 and the Chief further explained the processes. Mark Haynes asked about the boat and if it would be traded in for a new vessel. Mike Foote asked about the pumping capabilities of the new vessel. Jane asked about emergency responsiveness and the capabilities of patient care. Mark Haynes asked about the engine types of the fleet and if they were diesels and if the chief was aware of the new guidelines for diesel engines the chief stated yes, he had. Chief Joubert thanked everyone for their time. The Chiefs top requests were the fire boat, replacement ladder truck, replacement ambulance, 24 Bail out systems, and new suits for the firefighters.

Benjamin Crawford from Laconia Water Dept made his presentation for the committee. Ben mentioned that the department was an enterprise fund meaning that funding is driven by water and sewer billing. Ben went on to talk about how roadwork and water service repair usually go hand and hand with DPW and that usually it is a triage effect where water will repair the oldest pipes first and then if Dpw is working a road than water will do there work if that area is designated for repair. Ben continued to speak regarding the older pipes in town. The problem was, union avenue has changed, and woodland

and butler have taken the top replacement. Weirs Blvd replacement in sections. Fair Street and Stark St. Messer St. is pushing over 100 years also Morningside Dr. Veterans Ave Opechee and Pine St. as well. Tyler Carmichael asked if this was the level of priority for water and Ben answered yes.

Ben then touched upon purchases. First 12 through 17 Pump replacement, distribution upgrades, Meter reading (radio remote) meter upgrade after testing the old meter if it does not meet standards. Computers and software, SCATA software that monitors usage throughout the city. Treatment plant upgrade to allow for heating the building as it is a current issue. Wet well rehab lone well where all water comes from for the city and off to the treatment plant. Briarcrest tank area cleanup. Endicott tank ventilation and aeration. Excavator replacement as it is almost 20 years old. Finished and raw water meter. Service truck with plow as well as two other vehicles needing replacement. Replacement of treatment plant heat units that blow heat from the ceiling to the floor as well as ceiling fans to lower the warm air. Raw water pump replacement needs to be replaced and will be costly. Lastly the bread van that is used for service runs. Ben opened for questions from the committee. There were none.

Jane asked why there was nothing that was urgent Ben explained that proactivity decreases urgency. Steve Bogert inquired about a snapshot into what the state school property would require for usage and who is responsible for implementation Ben stated funding is usually on the developer and described the minimum items that would be required. Ben further described the capacity Laconia has compared to its current usage and he said we have the capacity. Caroline Muller inquired about why the radio read meters were not City wide and Ben explained that due to some properties being seasonal effects this process.

Other business Rob Mora explained that Kathy and he had spoken about the police presentation and how the reschedule of that presentation would look it was decided that Police would present at the meeting on 10/26 and they would go before the public input portion of the meeting. Steve Bogert motioned to approve this change and it was seconded by Mike Foote and was unanimously accepted.

Rob Mora requested the scoring sheets be distributed digitally.

Steve Bogert than motioned to adjourn the meeting and this was seconded by Jane Laroche, and it was unanimous.