

**WARREN CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
OCTOBER 25, 2021 – 5:00 PM**

OPENING OF MEETING

Mayor Cashman presided over the October 25, 2021, special meeting of Warren City Council in Council Chambers of the Municipal Building and opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Members present and responding to roll call were: Mayor Maurice Cashman, Kimberly Exley, Gregory Fraser, Philip Gilbert, Douglas Hearn, and John Wortman (via Zoom call). Paul Giannini was absent. Members of City Staff present were Nancy Freenock, City Manager; David Krogler, Fire Chief; and Teena Leary, Assistant City Clerk.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Mayor Cashman welcomed all visitors. Present were:

- Steve Hoffman: Operations and Training Officer, City Fire Department
- Andy Moore: Captain, City Fire Department
- Josh Cotton: Times Observer Reporter (via Zoom)

AMBULANCE PURCHASE AND DISPOSTION OF 2007 MODEL YEAR AMBULANCE

Chief Krogler stated that the older of the two City ambulances is from the 2007 model year and has surpassed its normal expected useful life and the cost of required repairs to keep the unit in service is mounting.

Chief Krogler indicated that the Department became aware of a 2021 model year demonstrator ambulance which is available at a purchase price of \$223,961.00; this includes a Stryker Power Load System which is compatible with a power lift stretcher being purchased with Highmark Blue Cross/Blue Shield grant funding. In addition, on-spot drop down tire chains and all-season tires would be added for a total purchase price of \$227,735.00. He noted that, due to manufacturing backlogs brought about by COVID, it is likely that an off-the-line unit would not be available for delivery until late 2023 at the earliest. The production backlog is creating a greater demand for demonstrator models; therefore, this might not be a cost-saving option that would again be available to the City in the near future.

Chief Krogler advised Council that a grant application will be submitted to the United States Department of Agriculture's Rural Development Office and any funds received, which may be in an amount of up to \$50,000.00, will offset the purchase price of the ambulance. Mrs. Freenock indicated that the balance of \$199,774.65 in the City's capital equipment fund would be utilized and any remaining balance due will be paid from the General Fund.

Chief Krogler indicated that the 2007 ambulance would be disposed of in a manner permitted by the City Code. Since the vehicle has surpassed its useful life, it is anticipated that it would be donated to the Warren County Career Center so that it could be used as a learning tool for those enrolled in medical-related programs as well as the automotive trades.

Mr. Fraser made the motion to approve the purchase of the 2021 demonstrator model ambulance, as proposed, from Pfund Superior Sales in the amount of \$227,735.00 and to authorize disposition of the 2007 model year ambulance in a manner permitted by City Code upon it being decommissioned. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gilbert and passed unanimously among the six Council members present.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before Council, Mayor Cashman declared the meeting adjourned.