

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

**SUBJECT: AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR REFURBISHMENT OF EXISTING
LADDER TRUCK 3**

BACKGROUND:

Fire apparatus are essential for structural firefighting. With excellent maintenance, front line fire apparatus are able to ideally be used for a maximum of 15 years. After that time, the City's goal is to place the apparatus into a reserve status for an additional 10-15 years. The City maintains one front line ladder truck, Truck 3, which is nearly 20 years of age. Ladder Truck 3 is the City's only aerial firefighting apparatus. In January of 2021, City Council awarded a contract to Reliant Fire Apparatus, Inc. (Pierce) for the purchase of a new ladder truck at a cost of \$1,152,825.

The new ladder truck is expected sometime in early Spring 2022. **Upon placing the new ladder truck into service, the current Ladder Truck 3, will be refurbished and used as a reserve unit, as identified in the City's Capital Improvement Plan (CIP).** An amount of \$125,000 has been programmed in the CIP for this refurbishment. Refurbishment work will include pump overhaul, valve and gauge replacement, suspension replacement, new LED lights, replacement of electrical data cables, replacement of ladder cables and pulleys, hydraulic cylinder rebuild, and testing and certification of both the ladder and pump.

Refurbishing the truck and having it as a reserve unit will mitigate the need for assistance from neighboring communities for unit stand-by when a ladder truck is out of service. Additionally, it will provide the City with two fully equipped and capable ladder trucks that can provide elevated rescue and water application.

The current ladder truck was built by and purchased from Pierce Manufacturing. **In investigating refurbishment possibilities, it was noted that some of the components including the aerial device can only be refurbished by Pierce. Fleet Services and the Fire Department determined that having one vendor work on the entire refurbishment would lead to a better value and would make sure that all the components work without conflict.**

The City's Purchasing Policies calls for formal bids for purchases over \$50,000. **Since Pierce is the only vendor that can work on the major aerial device, staff is asking that this be a sole source contract with Pierce.** This process was used for the last refurbishment on this truck in 2009.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. a) Waive City's formal bidding procedures and authorize a sole source contract with Reliant Fire Apparatus, INC. (Pierce) for the refurbishment of Ladder Truck #3.
- b) Award the contract to Reliant Fire Apparatus, INC. (Pierce) for the refurbishment of Ladder Truck #3 at a cost of \$113,686.
2. Reject the contract to Reliant Fire Apparatus, INC. (Pierce) for the refurbishment of Truck #3 and direct staff to renegotiate with the vender.

CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

The refurbishment of Ladder Truck 3 would provide the City with two fully equipped aerial apparatus capable of rescuing people from buildings three stories or higher, with the ability to apply water from an elevated platform in any direction. The addition of a second aerial apparatus in the fleet would mitigate the need for assistance from neighboring communities for unit stand-by when a ladder truck is out of service.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative #1 A and B, as described above.

It should be emphasized that additional work might be necessary once components of the apparatus are disassembled and additional work is identified.