

**CITY OF JOPLIN
COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM**

ITEM

Council Bill 2021- 611: authorizing the City of Joplin to enter into an agreement with MacQueen Equipment LLC., for the purpose of purchasing a Pierce Enforcer Aerial 107' Ascendant Aerial Apparatus, for the not to exceed price of One Million One Hundred Twenty-Four Thousand Dollars and 00/100. (\$1,124,000.00)

MEETING DATE

November 1, 2021

ORIGINATING DEPT

Fire

ATTACHMENTS

CB20202-601 Ordinance; Exhibit A: MacQueen Proposal

REVIEWED BY

Dept. Head: Mark Cannon; Finance Director: Leslie Haase; City Attorney: Peter Edwards; City Manager: Nick Edwards

SUMMARY

This Council Bill authorizes the City to enter into an agreement with MacQueen Equipment LLC. for the purpose of purchasing a Pierce Enforcer Aerial 107' Ascendant Aerial Apparatus.

BACKGROUND

This Council bill proposes the purchase of a Pierce Enforcer Aerial 107' Ascendant Aerial Apparatus. This pricing offered to the Joplin Fire Department is based on utilizing the cooperative purchasing agreement through the Houston Galveston Area Council, known commonly as HGAC, to specify and purchase this fire apparatus. We received a proposal of \$1,124,000.00 from MacQueen Fire Apparatus. Over the last several years and throughout the United States, hundreds of fire apparatus have been purchased utilizing the HGAC program. In Missouri, numerous cities have purchased apparatus for their fire departments under this program.

The HGACBuy Program is over thirty (30) years old and specializes in high ticket, capital intensive products and services that require technical, detailed specifications and extensive professional skills to evaluate bid responses. All products offered through HGACBuy have been awarded by virtue of a public competitive process. The engineering and technical specifications of this aerial truck meet all of the needs of the City of Joplin.

A 2001 HME/Central States 75' Aerial apparatus was scheduled and budgeted to be replaced in 2020. The City entered into a contract with Jon's Mid America Fire Apparatus Inc. in the amount of Nine Hundred Eight Thousand Five Hundred Eighty-Eight Dollars and zero cents (\$908,588.00) to purchase E-One Typhoon HP75 Aerial Apparatus. However, it has been 644 days and the manufacturer is still yet to start production. Once production starts, it will take an additional 395 - 420 days before the apparatus is ready for an "in service" inspection in Rogersville Missouri. Currently, the fire department is utilizing one 2001 reserve aerial truck for the two current front line aerial apparatus. This reserve is now in frontline use in place of Ladder 1 as it is currently out of service for repair.

After conversations with Jon's Mid America, they have agreed to terminate the purchase order without penalty.

Through the HGAC, Pierce has the proposed aerial truck available for purchase. MacQueen Equipment will be adding modifications to the apparatus in order to bring it close to the E-One specification as possible. MacQueen Equipment has quoted a delivery timeframe of between 60 to 90 days.

The fiscal year 2020 budget included \$850,000.00 to replace this truck. With the cancellation of the purchase order, the fiscal year 2022 budget is being amended for the total purchase price of \$1,124,000.00.

FUNDING SOURCE

The fiscal year 2022 budget is being amended with this Council Bill.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends adoption of this Council Bill on an emergency basis.