

The Municipal Services Committee met on May 8, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers with the following members: Present: Carolyn Houseworth, Bill Miller and Scott Lynn arrived late. Whereupon the Chairman Miller declared a quorum present.

There are 2 presenters- NLC Service Warranty and Ladder Fire Truck. Delete Mutual Aid and move solar panels to #5. Motion by Simpson seconded by Miller to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried.

Service Line Warranty Program: Lee Zell with National League of Cities was present to explain the program. The NLC for the past 12 years has been helping cities to get help to citizens for a low cost warranty service for water and sewer lines both exterior and interior. It is a completely voluntary program to the citizens and at no cost to the City. The citizen needs to know their responsibility either from the sewer tap or from the water meter. There is no minimum number of residents that have to use the program. The local business contractors are used. From the water meter to the resident the cost is \$5.95 monthly, from the sewer tap to the resident the cost is \$7.75 per monthly and for interior water/sewer lines the cost is \$9.99 per month. The resident can cancel the program after they have an event – it is on a month-to-month basis so it is set up on a national basis to handle cases. In the past 3 years the program has paid out \$125 million in private line repairs. Some of those participating are: Kansas City, Grandview, Leavenworth, Lake Tapawingo, Independence, Odessa, Adrian, Wellington, Higginsville, Wellsville, Lamont and others. The City would pass a motion which would say the City would like to communicate to NLC service line program as a voluntary program to our residents at no cost to the City and no City tax dollars. The program does cover frozen lines and if they break. There is a maximum of 1 hour between the time the resident calls and the time the plumber is on their way. There is a 30 day waiting period before the program can be used. Zell's company has been hired to administer the program, deal with the local contractors, citizens and all the call centers are in the US. There are 2 other companies that sell what Zell sales: American Water which sells water and Worth which sells cell phones warranties and renters insurance. They will not correct your problem but will give you your money back. Miller stated that we do not want the perception to be that the City is selling something. NLC will do press releases with City approval and it will have the MML endorsement. The City would sign a 3 year agreement and at the end of the 3 years we say either continue or stop. If we stop the program will continue with the resident but there will be communication approval for the City. There is a section in the agreement that holds the City harmless of any liability. The resident letters will say the City supports the availability of the program for the residents. The NLC's program is a self-fund for a new stream of non-tax revenue that can be used as a pool to allow the City to enact a program to offset as a way to put back into the water/sewer system to allow for bill forgiveness. The program will give back to the City \$.50 for each sewer line, each water line and interior lines up to \$1.50 per month. Committee agreed it should be available to the residents. **Motion by Lynn seconded by Simpson** to bring this before full council. Motion carried.

Police Car Bids: Chief Grom presented a lease/purchase option for the 3 Ford Explorers; the Explorers are \$31,500 each. Bids were received from: Lou Fusz - \$30,175 (state contract), Swaffords - \$30,868.08, Midway Ford - \$31,376.08 and Hoflander - \$31,376.18. Chief Grom is recommending the purchase from Swafford's in Richmond due to the local and the modernized work bays. Chief Grom is recommending a 3 year lease/purchase so that at the end a new vehicle will be rotated in service. Lou Fusz has a 100,000 power train warranty while others are 60,000 power train. The Department puts about 17,000 miles a year on the vehicles, they will use the 4th car for traffic control at special events. The RFP bid specs were drafted based on the state contract bid. Swafford would provide a loaner vehicle if ours would be down for a while. Chief Grom to contact Swafford to see if he can meet the power train warranty. **Motion by Simpson seconded by Miller** to approve the Swafford Ford bid pending if they will increase the power train warranty and if not go with Lou Fusz. Motion carried. Lynn - No

Ladder Fire Truck: The Fire Chief had an individual with Engine One present to explain some of the issues with the ladder truck. Some of the issues include: hydraulic hose rear spring worn, chassis drive line oil leak, rotation bearing leak, rails/base ladder squeals when extending/retracing wear pad are wearing, waterway worn in places on 2nd section & fly section has a side bend, chassis drive line leak on water pump, truck frame spacers coming out, chassis hydraulic hose rubbing frame and ladder nozzle brackets bend. The federal government will start taxing Medicaid patients so the City should see some dollar amount paid back to the City. The new fire trucks are \$650,000 - \$700,000 and the estimated repairs are \$50,000. The Fire Chief to get back with the committee regarding the repairs or replacement of the fire truck. Administrator Aull to get with the Chief and put together the different options. It was discussed that a time would be set up for the Council or public to come and see the truck

Motion by Simpson seconded by Lynn to adjourn. Motion carried.