

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

AGENDA ITEM VII



**CITY OF FRANKLIN
COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT**

*City Council Meeting
August 5, 2013*

From: Brian J. Sullivan, Municipal Services Director

Subject: City Council to consider the purchase of a used 2008 International Model 7500 Dump Truck for the Municipal Services Department.

Recommended motion:

1. Councilor moves:

“I move that the Franklin City Council authorize the purchase of one used 2008 International Model 7500 Dump Truck and Plow(s) from McDevitt Trucks, Inc. of Manchester, NH for the amount of \$63,000 (including trade) with funds to be derived from the following line items:

\$14,000 from line item 01-3-127-40664

\$49,000 from line item 01-1-302-40898

of the fiscal year 2013/2014 Budget.”

2. Mayor calls for a second, discussion and the vote.

Discussion:

McDevitt Trucks, Inc. of Manchester, NH presently has a used 2008 International 7500 Dump Truck, fully equipped, available for sale. The Municipal Services Department Staff has evaluated the condition of this vehicle and it is in good condition mechanically and with respect to the Cab & Chassis and Dump body. Additionally, we have spoken to the town of Newark, Vermont as to why they disposed of the truck. The reasons they traded in the International is that they keep their trucks for a seven year replacement cycle and decided to upgrade to a Mack Truck. Both the Mechanic and Road Agent for Newark confirm that this vehicle is in very good condition.

The reason I bring this to the attention of the City Council at this time is two-fold. The overall condition of MSD Dump Truck #8 is poor. This 1999 International is now 15 years old and in need of significant repairs, estimated to be in the range of \$13,000 plus labor, to keep it road worthy and to pass the annual fall 2013 inspection. Given the overall condition, age and reliability of Truck #8, I feel it is appropriate to make the City Council aware of the potential opportunity to trade it in.

A new truck of equivalent size, fully outfitted with the plow, headgear sander and dump body will cost the city around \$210,000.

Attached for your review is a condition report for City Truck #8, 1999 International 4900. The \$13,000 estimate on repairs does not include future repair costs beyond 2013. These future repair costs will be significant, as we will need to deal with the engine, drive train, transmission, kingpins, springs and many other key mechanical components.

Concurrences:

Truck #8 continues to remain on the City Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). It has been scheduled for replacement since FY11. It is one of five larger dump trucks the City has in its fleet, being used primarily for snow and ice control on the west side. The truck is going on its fifteenth year of service and deemed to be very undependable by MSD Mechanical Staff.

Fiscal Impact:

As mentioned in the recommended motion, funding for this 2008 International may be derived from the MSD "Vehicle Parts" and City Manager "Contingency Fund" line items of the fiscal 2014 budget.

Alternatives:

The most concerning issue with respect to MSD #8 is the condition of the truck frame and questionable reliability of a key piece of equipment during critical times especially such as snow and ice control. Should the City Council decide not to move forward with the purchase, MSD Staff will need to proceed with major expenditures upwards of \$13,000 plus labor to keep truck #8 operational.

Attachments/Exhibits:

- Proposal from McDevitt Trucks, Inc.
- MSD #8 Repair List

McDevitt Trucks Inc.

To: The City of Franklin,

I would like to the time to give you a more formal spec on the 08' International that we currently have in our used truck inventory. I have been in contact with our used truck manager on the 99' International that you would like to trade toward the 08'. Below is a list of some of the specifications on the truck.

Make: International

Model: 7500

Year: 2008

Trans: Allison 6 speed automatic

F/A: 16,000lbs

R/A: 30,000lbs

Engine: DT530

Body: Front left hand spread

Plow: Front fixed angle plow and right side wing plow (shelving).

Sell Price: \$69,500

Discount: ~~-\$1,500~~

\$3,000.00

Trade: -\$3,500

Balance: ~~\$64,500~~

\$63,000.00

I can be reached at 603-344-3339

Thank you, Mick Mounsey

M.S.D. Truck #8 Repairs needed for Fall Inspection 2013

CAB - Air Release Valve / Instrument Cluster / Left Rocker Panel Mounts / Left Cab Corner / Both Front Cab Mounts / Drivers Side Floor Rotted Through / Right Hood Repair / Prep and Repaint Cab.

Chassis - Lift Cylinder Box Replacement / Battery Box Repair / Repair Air Dryer Leaks/ Replace Trailer Plug / Repair Trailer Hitch / Replace Rear Fender / Replace Power Steering Reservoir / Replace Power Steering Hoses / Replace Radiator / Replace Intercooler / Replace Front Leaf Springs / Replace Oil Cooler / Replace Four Way Relay Valve / Clutch Replacement / Rear Brakes Replacement / Transmission output Shaft and Replace Housing

FRAME- Entire Frame needs Sandblasting, Repair Prime and Paint

BODY - Tower Top for Hydraulics and Piston Repair / Sideboard Mount Area needs new Metal / Tailgate Repair and Welding / Sander Chain Bottom Plate needs Replacement / Sander Chain / Sander Sprocket / Sander Shafts / Sandblast and Paint Entire Dump Body / Replace Sander Spinner / Replace Bottom Plate Supports to Sander / Replace Hydraulic Fittings and Hoses / Floor Pan under Sander Belt needs Replacement / Replace Load Cover