

TO: Finance Committee

FROM: Rich Olson, City Manager

Larry Mackey, Fire Chief

DATE: January 4, 2013

RE: Consideration - Surplus of Ladder Truck #2

BACKGROUND:

During the fiscal year 2012-2013 budget preparation, the City Council authorized the purchase of a 100 foot aluminum platform ladder truck. The new truck replaces a 1988 ladder truck that was taken out of service because of mechanical and equipment failures. The City purchased a new truck in August and that truck was placed into service in November 2012. The City now needs to dispose of the old 1988 ladder truck.

Pursuant to the City's Charter, the City Manager may dispose of property under \$5,000 in value, which covers the majority of City assets declared surplus. Staff's research indicates that the 1988 truck has a market value between \$7,500 and \$15,000.

ANALYSIS:

It is City staff's intent to advertise the truck on Govdeals.com. The advertisement will be "as is-where is". The City has been approached by several vendors that would like to salvage the truck. Due to the mechanical history of the truck, staff does not believe it will be purchased for fire fighting purposes.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

For the Finance Committee to recommend that the City Council authorize the City Manager to surplus the 1988 ladder truck and advertise the truck on Govdeals.com. Further, that the City Manager be authorized to sell the truck to the highest bidder.

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