

AGENDA REPORT

TO: Mayor Pat Humphrey and the Clare City Commission
FROM: Ken Hibl, City Manager
DATE: July 28, 2010
RE: Purchase of Clare Fire Department Turn-Out Gear

For the Agenda of August 2, 2010

Background. Due to life-cycle expiration and excessive wear to a number of the turn-out sets (consisting of coat and pants) of our firefighters, the Clare Fire Department requested and the City Commission approved (with recommendation of the Fire Council) the appropriation of funds for the purchase of new turn-out gear during the 2010/2011 budget year. The Clare Fire Department is presently equipped with Janesville turn-out gear. For standardization purposes, the Department prefers to continue the use of this particular equipment. The only vendor in Michigan offering Janesville turn-out gear is Apollo Fire Equipment Company of Romeo, Michigan. The Department solicited a quotation (*copy att'd*) for the purchase of seven sets of turn-out gear. The City Commission is asked to approve a sole-source purchase of this gear.

Chief Chapman is scheduled to be at Monday's Commission meeting to respond to questions or provide any additional information related to this purchase.

Issues & Questions Specified. Should the City Commission approve the purchase of seven set of firefighter turn-out gear from Apollo Fire Equipment Company?

Alternatives.

1. Approve the purchase of seven sets of firefighter turn-out gear from Apollo Fire Equipment Company.
2. Direct the purchase of firefighter gear from a vendor other than Apollo, thereby mandating that the Department purchase gear other than the standardized gear worn by all other members of the Department.
3. Direct that the purchase not be made this fiscal year.
4. Set the matter aside for consideration at a later-scheduled commission meeting.

Financial Impact. The cost of the gear is \$9,940 (\$1,420 per set); these funds were budgeted and are available.

Recommendations. I recommend that the Clare City Commission approve the purchase of seven sets of firefighter turn-out gear from Apollo Fire Equipment Company for a purchase price of \$9,940 by adoption of Resolution 2010-085 (*copy att'd*).

Attachments.

1. Quotation.
2. Resolution 2010-085.

RESOLUTION 2010-085

A RESOLUTION OF THE CLARE CITY COMMISSION APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF TURN-OUT GEAR FOR THE CLARE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

WHEREAS, certain sets of turn-out gear for members of the Clare Fire Department have exceeded the expected life-cycle and are in need of replacement; and

WHEREAS, the Clare Fire Department has established a rotational cycle for said turn-out gear to preclude the need to make a mass purchase of said gear for the entire department, thereby eliminating the need for a excessively major fund expenditure in any given fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, it is deemed essential to maintain standardization of turn-out gear within the department, thereby requiring that the vendor supplying said gear can provide the standardized protective gear needed; and

WHEREAS, there is currently only one vendor in Michigan that has the ability to provide the turn-out gear within the Clare Fire Department, thereby justifying a sole-source purchase of said gear; and

WHEREAS, funds were appropriated and are available in the approved 2010/2011 Fire Fund to purchase said turn-out gear.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City Commission of the City of Clare hereby approves the purchase of seven sets of firefighter turn-out gear from Apollo Fire Equipment Company of Romeo, Michigan for the total purchase price of \$9,940.

ALL RESOLUTIONS AND PARTS OF RESOLUTIONS INsofar AS THEY CONFLICT WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS RESOLUTION BE AND THE SAME ARE HEREBY RESCINDED.

The Resolution was introduced by Commissioner _____ and supported by Commissioner _____. The Resolution declared adopted by the following roll call vote:

YEAS:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

Resolution approved for adoption on this 2nd day of August 2010.

Diane Schmidt, City Clerk