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HIAWATHA FIRE-RESCUE

MEMORANDUM

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR, HIAWATHA CITY COUNCIL

FROM: MIKE NESSLAGE, FIRE CHIEF

SUBJECT: REPLACEMENT OF DAMAGED LIGHT TOWER ON FIRE ENGINE

DATE: 12/29/2017

Before you on the agenda is an item to approve the purchase of a Will—Burt Night Scan elevating light tower, upgrade and repairs for $20,790.56. This money will come from insurance money, and previously budgeted LOSST funds. Below is bullet pointed information.

1. On November 25th, a firefighter was backing fire engine 284 into the station after doing a truck check. He failed to completely lower the light tower, which is mounted on the roof of the cab. This resulted in the tower being broken and damage to air conditioner shroud.

2. An accident report was filed and our insurance company has estimated the damages at $17,951.56. Minus the deductible of $1000, we will receive $16,951.56 to replace the light tower and repair the air conditioner shroud from the insurance company for this claim.

3. Previously, we budgeted $15,000 in FY-18 Capital Improvement Plan (LOSST dollars) to upgrade the lighting on this vehicle to LEDs from halogen. LED's are brighter and more efficient. We have had an excellent experience with our other light tower. Further, we have had frequent issues with halogen lights blowing, and having to replace them.

4. The light tower has been totaled by the insurance company for a value of $17,951.56 minus the $1,000 deductible. During the process for replacement, we have an opportunity to upgrade the lights on the tower to LED and the other repairs to the air conditioner shroud for a cost of $20,790.56. Our portion of that will be $3,839. The LED upgrade kit that we were going to bring to you prior to the accident is $8,772. Essentially, the accident saved us $4,933. I should point out that this is only a portion of the LED upgrade for engine 284, we still have four more lights that we are seeking quotes for replacement at a later date.

Ms. Kudrna, Ms. Downs, and I have been working through this. The insurance adjuster and company are aware of what we are doing. Should you have any questions, please contact one of us.

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RESOLUTION NO. 18-
City Council

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FIRE DEPARTMENT PURCHASE OF NIGHT SCAN ELEVATING LIGHT TOWER

WHEREAS, the Fire Department has determined the need to replace one (1) elevated light tower on Fire Engine 284, due to damage during an accident, and

WHEREAS, the Fire Chief recommends the purchase of a replacement elevated light tower for Fire Engine 284 with a Burt Night Scan elevating light tower, including the replacement of lighting on the fire engine to upgrade to LED lighting, and

WHEREAS, funding for the purchase of one (1) Burt Night Scan elevating light tower for Fire Engine 284 and LED lighting, is available utilizing insurance money and previously budgeted Local Option Sales and Service Tax (LOSST) dollars, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HIAWATHA, IOWA, to authorize the replacement of one (1) elevated light tower on Fire Engine 284, with a Burt Night Scan elevating light tower, including the replacement of lighting on the fire engine to upgrade to LED lighting, utilizing insurance money and previously budgeted Local Option Sales and Service Tax (LOSST) dollars.

AYES:
NAYS:
ABSENT:

PASSED AND APPROVED this 3rd day of January, 2018

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Bill Bennett, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Kelly Kornegor, City Clerk