

**MINUTES OF A MEETING
OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL
CITY OF FORT THOMAS,
CAMPBELL COUNTY, KENTUCKY, ON
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2022**

The meeting of the Public Safety Committee was called to order at 6:15 P.M. on Tuesday, September 6, 2022. Members present included: Mayor Eric Haas, Adam Blau, Jeff Bezold, and Ben Pendery. Staff in attendance were: City Administrative Officer Matt Kremer, City Clerk Melissa Beckett, Finance Director Joe Ewald, Fire Chief Chris Amon, and City Attorney Tim Schneider.

The item up for discussion is the purchase of a new ladder truck in the Fire Department. The current ladder truck is 22 years old and is experiencing an increase in maintenance costs and has some limitations with maneuverability throughout the city. A ladder truck committee was formed to investigate options for the purchase of a new single axle quint aerial ladder truck with at least a 100' ladder. This truck would also serve as a pumper truck, eliminating the need for Engine 602 and declaring it surplus along with the current ladder truck. The timeline is critical due to the fact that the pricing of these trucks will increase substantially (4-6%) in November of 2022. A new truck has cost estimates as much as 1.4 million and once the contract is signed, it will take 2 year to build the truck.

The current pumper truck and ladder truck would be sold as surplus. Financials discussed were to invest the \$1.4 million for the 2 years it would take to build the truck to earn interest on that money and to add to each year's budget as a line item in the general fund.

It was the consensus of the committee to direct staff to complete the specifications and bid for review at the October council meeting.

Signed:

Adam Blau, Chair

Jeff Bezold, Member

Ben Pendery, Member