

BLOOMFIELD FIRE & RESCUE

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This is a request for the Bloomfield City council to reconsider their vote on the purchasing of the truck for the Fire Chief/Code Enforcement. When it was presented at the last city council meeting, I do not feel this project was given proper due.

The price tag on the project would lead you to believe that this is a large amount of money for a pickup and you would be correct. This truck would be more than just a truck to drive a round and doing Code Enforcement Investigations, this truck would perform a little larger portion on the Fire Side.

Description of Project: *(see attached picture)*

2024 Chevy 3500 pickup 4x4 with topper and slide out unit in the back with Mobile Command options and equipment compartments.

Radio system to utilize both front and back command systems during emergent events.

Full NFPA Identifying wrap, graphics, and emergency lighting packages.

Full towing package

Been working with Karl's Chevrolet Emergency Vehicle Department.

Project would be purchased through Government purchasing program.

Performance Duties:

Job duties for this truck would include, but limited to the following.

Utilization for rapid response to emergent call such as Fires, EMS, and other critical response calls which could include City of Bloomfield Emergencies that would need communication assistance or resource assistance.

This truck would house critical resources needed on scene and that would not be normally carried on a Fire truck. This would include communication equipment, extra firefighting equipment such as dry gloves, hoods as needed when wet conditions occur, Investigation resources, and whatever deemed necessary in future instances. Additionally, the truck would carry Specialized Firefighter Rehab supplies depending on the weather conditions at the time.

With current unreliable dispatch information during emergent calls additional supplies, and/or rescue equipment could be carried on board after being quickly loaded if needed.

This truck would also be equipped to tow any one of trailers whether it be the Buggy Trailer for Grass fires, Emergency Response Trailer for Mass Casualty Responses or Community needs, or the Hazmat Trailer all of which now would require the use of one of the Firefighters personal trucks of 1 ton towing capacity or higher if they were there and had their truck with them.

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Budget for this Project:

The cost of this truck would be Approx. \$95,000

Option 1: Pay for the purchase out right out of the budget and split the cost across the board. 1/3 City, 1/3 Code Enforcement, 1/3 Fire.

Option 2: We are eligible to apply for a USDA grant to cover part of the purchase price. The USDA grant program is a program that has the potential to cover up to 75% of the purchase price based on populations annual income per person. I looked in this and the City of Bloomfield, and Davis County are only eligible for 15% instead of 75%. This would be \$14,250 off of the price tag; we could then utilize the USDA a low interest loan program for the remainder of the cost over so many years allowing to budget for the loan repayment and/or utilize some of the billing monies for the loan repayment portion. Last time I check with USDA the loan would be a 3-4% interest, which may have changed by now.

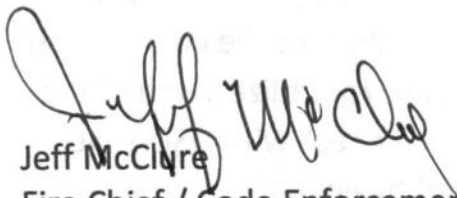
Follow Up:

I understand with monies being tight this is a lot money to spend, but I feel it will be worth it in the long haul by increasing response capability and have additional resources on scene when needed.

We would be placing a greater presence on the public safety with our tax payers seeing that the City of Bloomfield and our Township trustees are placing a higher importance to Firefighter Safety, Communities Safety and higher expectation towards Code Enforcement. With people in the community seeing this truck out and about they will know that are being serious about making our community the best we can.

At the end of the day, we all want the same thing a clean, safe, and reliable community to raise our families in.

Therefore, I am asking you to rethink your previous vote and re admit this project back into the Fire/Code Enforcement budget.



Jeff McClure
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