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City of Mt. Juliet

Approval for Funding to Purchase and Equip Three Ambulances and to Purchase and Equip Three Chevrolet Tahoes

- 1) Who: Mt. Juliet Fire Department
- 2) What: Approval is needed for additional funding to purchase and equip three ambulances, to purchase three Chevrolet Tahoes, and to equip three squads (EMS quick response vehicles).
- 3) When: Immediately
- 4) Where: Mt. Juliet Fire Department
- 5) Why: Three Wheeled Coach brand ambulances were budgeted and ordered in October of 2022, Wheeled Coach has yet to be able to provide an estimated delivery date. The chassis for the ordered units were 2022 model 4x2 chassis. We have identified three Horton brand ambulances that will be available for delivery by May, with 2024 model 4x4 chassis. Supply for departmental vehicles such as the Chevrolet Tahoe has been very erratic and often delays of months or years have been realized (if there is availability at all). Wilson County Motors notified us that a limited number of Chevrolet Tahoes have become available (on state contract) if we are able to purchase at delivery. The Tahoes will be available in March or April. MJFD was going to budget for these vehicles in the coming fiscal budget, but the limited availability necessitates being able to purchase prior to budget year. The funding for this purchase also includes emergency equipment for all of the vehicles. The purchase of the vehicles will provide more reliable vehicles for emergency medical responses and will enable us to place a squad into service at all three stations (currently squads are run out of two stations).
- 6) Costs: \$290,747.45
- 7) Line Item: 42250-944 Transportation \$210,092.40
42250-945 Communication Equipment \$ 48,331.80
42250-939 Other Improvements \$ 32,323.25
- Staff Recommendation: Chief Mark Foulks and City Manager Kenny Martin have provided a positive recommendation
- Prepared by: Chief Mark Foulks