

Town of Encampment
Special Meeting
May 23, 2022
5:00 p.m.

The Town of Encampment met in special session at the Encampment Town Hall on Monday May 23, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. with Mayor Greg Salisbury presiding. Council present were Bill Craig, Shannon Fagan-Craig and Gary Stull. Town personnel present were Doreen Harvey, Clerk/Treasurer and Bill Acord Maintenance/Operator. There were no public present.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the review and findings of the bids received for the purchase of a used motor grader. Council not present at the last council meeting were given the bid summary document and information prepared by Maintenance/Operator Acord. Acord advised that he had physically inspected and did a demo of the top two bid selections since the council meeting and discussed both machines with various operators. The top two bids were a 2007 Caterpillar 140H at a cost of \$102,513.66 and a 2015 John Deere 772GP at the cost of \$152,400.00.

Councilman Craig asked Acord if he had a preference on machines. Acord advised that he recommended the 2015 John Deere, noting that the machine was like brand new. He noted that the Caterpillar machine was 8 years older and that both tandems were leaking, which would mean an immediate investment in repairs. Both Craig and Stull advised that they had looked at the John Deere as well, noting it was very clean. Mayor Salisbury noted that the John Deere seemed to be the way to go. He expressed concern over obtaining parts and service on the Caterpillar as in his experience parts could be an issue. Acord's note was noted that there were parts and service available in Casper or Cheyenne for the John Deere and that all manuals were with the machine. Caterpillar does have service in Rawlins, but agreed obtaining parts could be a big issue. Craig noted that it was hard to justify getting a brand new machine with limited use like 40 hours here and there. He went further to state that the John Deere should last the Town a long time since the current grader was way more used when it was purchased and it has lasted more than twenty years. Maintenance Operator Acord also noted that during the demo of the John Deere they used it hard and it did not bog down at all.

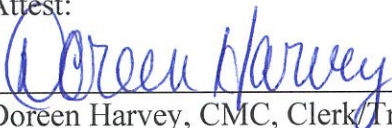
Discussion about the funding of the purchase ensued. Mayor Salisbury noted that the Equipment Replacement Fund should not be drawn down to zero. The council agreed that the General Fund Investment reserve could cover a portion of it. Clerk/Treasurer Harvey advised that perhaps \$75,000.00 of the purchase could come out of the General Fund Reserve. Craig moved to purchase the 2015 John Deere 772G at a cost of \$152,400.00 and allow the clerk to fund how she sees fit, Stull seconded and the motion was passed.

With no further business, Stull moved to adjourn at 5:12 p.m. p.m., Craig seconded and the motion was passed.

Doreen Harvey, CMC
Clerk/Treasurer

Approved: June 09, 2022

Attest:



Doreen Harvey, CMC, Clerk/Treasurer



Greg Salisbury, Mayor