

CLEARWATER CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 29, 2022

1. Call to Order: 8:00 a.m. at City Hall

- Mayor Lawrence called the Clearwater City Council to order Thursday, September 29, 2022 at 8:03 a.m. in the Council Chambers. Members present were Mayor Lawrence, Council Members Kruchten, Crandall, and Lenz. Council Member Luhmann was absent. Also present was City Administrator Smythe and Captain Repke from the Clearwater Fire and Rescue.

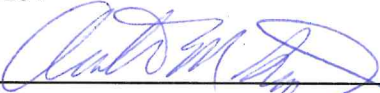
2. Consider Request to Purchase SCBA Gear for Fire Department

- Administrator Smythe explained that this was a planned purchase to replace expired equipment, however, was in the Capital Improvement Plan for partial purchases in both 2022 and 2023. Because of the current economic conditions, the vendor has informed us that the pricing is going to substantially increase on October 1, 2022. The Fire Department also received two large donations this year towards this equipment. For these reasons, the Fire Chief is requesting that the city proceed right now with the purchase to replace all of our SCBA gear. The city had also applied for a grant through FEMA, but the city was not selected in the most recent grant cycle. The fire capital fund will have sufficient cash to cover this purchase after this year's capital allocation of \$50,000 is transferred in from the operating fund.
- Captain Repke answered some Members' questions about the useful life of the equipment and what will happen with the expired equipment. Repke stated the useful life is about 15 years, that the equipment is tested by the team every month, and that there were no immediate plans for disposal of the old, expired tanks.
- **MOTION** by Crandall to approve purchase per quote from MacQueen Emergency in the amount of \$172,913.46, seconded by Lenz, all voted aye. **MOTION CARRIED 4-0.**

3. Adjournment

- **MOTION** to adjourn by Lenz, seconded by Kruchten, all voted aye. **MOTION CARRIED 4-0.**
- Meeting adjourned at 8:10 a.m.

ATTEST



Annita M. Smythe, City Administrator

APPROVED



Andrea Lawrence Wheeler, Mayor

