

Minutes of the special-called meeting of the Saltville Town Council held on November 26, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. in the Town Hall

Council: Tom Holley, Hiram Robinson, Steve Surber, and Ron Orr
Eugene Call and Bryan Morris were absent

Mayor: C. Todd Young

Staff: Brian Martin, Town Manager
R.B. Henderson, Public Works Director
Steve Johnson, Clerk/Treasurer

The Mayor mentioned that the previously discussed dump truck was taken to the garage to be inspected to gauge the shape it was in. Town Manager Brian Martin said that other than the brakes and the brake pads, it was judged to be in good working order. The issue with the brakes happens in trucks of this size that haul road salt.

The Mayor asked Mr. Martin the make and model and was told the truck is a 2000 F-650 diesel with a ten-foot dump bed and has 31,000 miles on it and is currently owned by Phillip King from Cedar Bluff who is getting out of the snow-removal business. That particular type of truck with the spreader on it, the lights assembly, and the snow plow is worth about \$48,000, and this truck is being sold for \$39,000.

Regarding the payment options, Mr. Martin said the Bank of Marion will finance the purchase up to five years, and the five year option would have an annual debt service of approximately \$8900. Clerk/Treasurer Steve Johnson said that the town has taken some hits so far this year with water and sewer expenses, so the current budget probably can't handle this debt service. However, representatives of the Bank of Marion have said that if the town does go through with this loan, the first payment would not be due until next July at the earliest, so the town's current budget would not be affected. The payments would start during next fiscal year's budget.

Councilman Surber said he was for purchasing the truck. The other two dumps, especially the smaller one, have had maintenance issues. The Mayor asked about the other two, and Public Works Director R.B. Henderson said the bigger dump was a 1997 model, and the little dump was from 2008. Councilman Robinson said the little dump's plow had been welded a lot and is on its third transmission. Councilman Orr said this new truck is a straight, so its transmission won't take the abuse the others do.

Councilman Surber made the motion to purchase the truck, and Councilman Orr seconded. All were in favor. Before adjourning, The Mayor set a special-called meeting for Wednesday, December 4th at 5:00 p.m. to discuss and approve the lease agreement for the new Wellness Center.

Councilman Orr then made the motion to adjourn, and Councilman Holley seconded. All were in favor.