

**PUBLIC HEARING
TOWN OF ST. PAUL
RESOLUTION TO APPLY FOR FUNDING FROM USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT
FOR PURCHASE OF FIRE TRUCK
SEPTEMBER 18, 2017
TOWN HALL – 5:45 P.M.**

PRESENT:

**Kyle Fletcher, Mayor
Kenneth Holbrook
Tim Boardwine
Josh Sawyers
Greg Bailey-Absent
Monty Salyer
Harry Kelly**

**Greg Kallen – Town Attorney
Debora Baca - Clerk
Bob Harrison – IDA Chairman
Jason Snapp – Mattern & Craig
Travis Stanley – St. Paul Fire Dept.
Kathy Stwewart – Main Street Mgr.**

Mayor Fletcher called the public hearing to order and read the Resolution to Apply for Funding from USDA Rural Development for the purchase of a fire truck.

The floor was open for public comment. Mayor Fletcher said the resolution is on the regular meeting agenda and will be voted upon at that time.

Travis Stanley spoke about the need for a new fire truck. The town's ISO rating is a six right now, but they hope this truck will help the department to go to a five. The ISO is an insurance rating and lowering it will help lower insurance rates in the area. The current truck is more than twenty years old. The new truck will have a ladder on the top and provide more storage space on the side. Travis said the fire department currently averages about 15 fireman responding to a call. In response to several questions from council members, Travis discussed some of the specifications proposed for the new truck. He said they would have liked to purchase a ladder truck, but their building is not large enough to accommodate a ladder truck. Ms. Baca addressed the proposed financing of the new truck. The estimated cost of the fire truck the department is proposing to purchase is \$375,000. In the budget, the town allocated \$100,000 and the fire department committed \$100,000. The application to Rural Development is to cover the balance of \$175,000; \$150,000 in loan and \$25,000 in grant.

There being no further questions or public comment, Mayor Fletcher adjourned the public hearing.

Mayor

Town Clerk