

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTS FOR THE PURCHASE OF THREE VEHICLES FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the City's 2023 Public Works budget contemplated the replacement of three (3) front-line vehicles based on the fleet replacement plan due to the vehicles age, miles, and safety conditions; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Hudson was previously authorized to purchase of multiple vehicles for the Public Works department through the State of Ohio Cooperative Purchasing Program and other such programs; and,

WHEREAS, typically, City staff utilizes state terms schedule purchasing programs for annual fleet unit replacements, but such opportunities do not exist in the current economic environment; and,

WHEREAS, City staff has contacted several Ohio auto dealers and were unable to find any with government purchasing offers for the needed replacement vehicles; and,

WHEREAS, other communities are experiencing the same purchasing issues as Hudson for vehicles; and,

WHEREAS, to increase the City of Hudson's chances of securing at least of portion of the needed vehicles, the Public Works Department has requested authorization to purchase three (3) vehicles without the competitive bidding process or other traditional purchasing programs; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to City Charter, Section 6.04 of Article VII, this Council is permitted to authorize such an expenditure when it determines and declares that an emergency exists affecting life, health, property, or public peace; and,

WHEREAS, all three (3) are first response maintenance, utilities vehicles in public works.

NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Ordained by the Council of the City of Hudson, Summit County, Ohio, that:

Section 1: That because the recent economic strains and extremely limited number of vehicles available for purchase, making it almost impossible to find the necessary replacement vehicles for the City Public Works Department, this Council determines and declares that an emergency exists affecting life, health, property, and the public peace.

Section 2: In conformity with the amounts that have been appropriated in the City budget, the City Manager and/or his designee are authorized to sign agreements and do all things necessary to purchase the following three (3) vehicles at or below the prices listed herein:

1. Chevrolet Silverado 2500 at a price of \$58,463.00;
2. Chevrolet Silverado 3500 at a price of \$60,949.00; and,
3. Ford F-150 or Chevrolet Silverado 1500 at a price of \$54,822.00.

Section 3: In the event the City Manager can secure one or all vehicles under a traditional state approved purchasing program, that shall be the course taken and the authorization hereunder shall be diminished by the number of vehicles acquired in that fashion. Otherwise, the purchasing authority granted herein shall expire on September 30, 2023.

Section 4: That the aforesaid recitals are rendered to be the findings of this Council and are hereby incorporated into this Ordinance.

Section 5: It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Section 6: This Ordinance is declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety and welfare and for the further reason that it is immediately necessary to purchase the vehicles to maintain water and other public works levels within the City; wherefore, this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage, provided it receives the affirmative vote of five (5) members of Council elected thereto, or six (6) affirmative votes if all members of Council are present at the meeting at which it is passed; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: \_\_\_\_\_

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Jeffrey L. Anzevino, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Aparna Wheeler, Clerk of Council

I certify that the foregoing Ordinance No. 23-41 was duly passed by the Council of said Municipality on \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

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Aparna Wheeler, Clerk of Council