

Falls City purchasing ladder truck for fire department
(KLZA)--A major upgrade in equipment for the Falls City Volunteer Fire Department will be arriving in a few weeks.

City Council member Lucas Froeschl updated the Council members Monday night on the purchase of a 2003 ladder truck for the Fire Department.

The Burlington, Vermont Fire Department had a price tag of \$66-thousand on the truck. After negotiations they accepted an offer from Falls City of \$59-thousand. There is a need for several thousand dollars in repairs and the truck needs new tires.

A local trucker is going to pick up the fire truck and bring it back to Falls City. It is anticipated the truck will arrive in about a month.

The current ladder truck is a 1973 model purchased by Falls City in 1981.

In 2018 a demonstrator truck was brought to Falls City, it had a price tag of more than \$900-thousand and would likely be more than a million dollars now.

The Council also approved the expenditure of \$3-thousand for grant writing services for air packs and and air compressor for the Falls City Volunteer Fire Department. The anticipated cost to purchase the equipment is \$125-thousand and would include 10 air packs. The local match if a grant is awarded is anticipated to be in the neighborhood of \$16,550.

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