



**RECONVENE MEETING OF FEBRUARY 3RD, 2025
BALDWIN CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 10TH, 2025**

Present – Mayor Jay Swanson, City Council; Tom Rush, Alan Walker and Scott Case
Absent - Jeff Holm

Call to Order – The February 10th, 2025 reconvene regular City Council meeting of the City of Baldwin was called to order by Mayor Jay Swanson at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance – All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Rush/Walker unanimous to approve agenda with no changes.

Discuss/Approve/Disapprove Aerial Apparatus – Swanson asked if the City Council had any questions regarding the maintenance records for the ladder truck. This discussion was from the February 3rd, 2025 City Council meeting in order to give Council Members a chance to review the maintenance and certification records for the ladder truck. Walker stated that he couldn't find any records later than 2017 and asked if the ladder truck was just sitting. Case stated the truck has a visual inspection every year and recommendations for an inspection every 5 years. Case stated this truck is in really good condition and sees this as an opportunity to buy an aerial apparatus for \$10,000, which is a really good deal. Rush said the certifications are in order and they have been done on the pumper and ladder. Rush has concerns about usage of the truck and where it will be stored. The truck is 35 years old, and Rush has concerns about getting parts for a truck that old. Rush stated that Baldwin has mutual aid with surrounding areas that have a ladder truck. Case stated that ladder trucks from other areas do not come to the area very quickly. As the City grows and Baldwin gets more businesses and commercial buildings, there will be an area of concern if we don't purchase this truck. Walker has a concern regarding getting parts for the truck. Case stated the fire department does not have trouble getting parts for current trucks. Swanson stated the truck is a Pierce and they are based out of Appleton, Wisconsin so there should not be a concern about getting parts. Swanson stated that in 5-10 years and the long term, we will get our \$10,000 out of this truck. Swanson went on to say the amount of training that the Fire Department can get from this truck will be substantial. Case also agreed that the truck will benefit the community in many ways and the fire department for training. This truck also has a 5-person cab. Bruce West was at the meeting; his address is 30385 300th Street. Bruce West is a former Fire Chief for the City of Elk River. West inspected the truck and stated there are many benefits of purchasing the ladder truck for \$10,000. The elevated truck is a benefit, and the truck is also a pumper truck. This truck has a common engine, and parts can be found easily. West stated that the purchase of this truck is a good deal. West went on to say the fire department needs a new building regardless of the purchase of the ladder truck. West said that this truck is an advantage to the community and the fire department for training and the community to have a back-up pumper. Swanson would like to pay for the truck from the cell tower

revenue. This would not affect the levy in any way Swanson stated. **Swanson made a motion to approve** the purchase of this ladder truck and funds to come from the cell tower revenue. **Case seconded the motion. Swanson did a role call:**

Walker – Nay

Rush – Nay

Swanson – Aye

Case – Aye

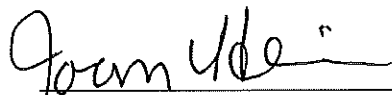
Motion failed due to a 2-2 vote.

Discuss/Approve/Disapprove \$50,000 Fund Transfer from Fund 403 Fire Infrastructure Fund to Fund 250 Fire – Rush/Walker unanimous to approve.

Discuss/Approve/Disapprove Ad for Committee Members for City Hall and Fire Department Infrastructure – At a previous City Council meeting, Holm suggested forming a committee for building/infrastructure of the current City Hall, Fire Department and Public Works facility. Rush would like to publish an ad in the Town and Country Shopper, Union Times and Zimmerman/Princeton today to recruit residents for this committee. **Rush/Walker unanimous to approve** up to \$500.00 for an ad to recruit committee members for the infrastructure committee.

This will also be put on Baldwin's website and Facebook page.

Adjourn – Rush/Walker unanimous to adjourn at 7:28 p.m.



Submitted By: (s/) Joan Heinen
Clerk/Treasurer
City of Baldwin


Approved By: (s/) Jay Swanson
Mayor
City of Baldwin

2-24-2025

Date

Attendees: Rosemarie Walker, Brian Torborg, Bruce West, Lance Soderholm, Anita Schneider, Chad Miller, Connor Loscheider, Mike Anderson and Nick Cole