



CITY OF OWENS CROSS ROADS

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DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY PURCHASE

Re: City Fuel Tank and Pump

On Thursday, July 18, 2024, Mayor Craig informed me that the city's fuel tank contains significant quantities of rust and sediment. Chief Jason Dobbins confirmed that the tank is nearly 30 years old, and the fuel pump has consistently caused issues over the past few years, recently malfunctioning due to excessive heat. After discussions with Mayor Craig, Chief Dobbins, Chief Drake, and myself, we have determined that the fuel tank and pump must be replaced urgently.

This fuel tank and pump are vital to the operations of the City of Owens Cross Roads Police Department, Fire Department, and Maintenance Department. Consequently, this situation is deemed an emergency, as it directly impacts the duties of first responders and the safety of our citizens. According to the Alabama Attorney General, in emergency situations, bid solicitation is not required (Alabama League of Municipalities, Selected Readings, Chapter 45: The Competitive Bid Law, page 323).

The fuel provider has been contacted and provided a quote for the replacement and installation of the new tank and pump. This quote will be presented along with a Resolution on Tuesday, July 23rd, during the council meeting.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or comments about this "Declaration of Emergency Purchase" at (256)725-5168 or christie.eason@owenscrossroadsal.gov.

Regards,

Christie D. Eason
City Clerk/Treasurer
City of Owens Cross Roads

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