MEMORANDUM

TO: Jeff Dingman, City Administrator

CC: Maggie Rice, Deputy City Administrator

FROM: Todd Mittge, Director of Engineering

DATE: October 23, 2026

SUBJECT: 2023 SSA Remedial Measures - Sub-Basin Z003, Project 25-12-C1

SUMMARY

This Consent Decree project includes the replacement or rehabilitation of approximately 6,158 linear feet of sanitary sewer mains by open cut, pipe bursting, or Cured-In-Place pipe (CIPP) lining, and the replacement or rehabilitation of approximately 110 sanitary sewer manholes. An exhibit showing the location of the project is attached.

This project was reviewed at the October 20, 2026, Board Meeting, with a recommendation to reject the bid of Goodwin & Goodwin, Inc., which was 19% higher than the engineer's estimate of $4,619,393. After discussion, the Board of Directors voted to table action on this project until the November 02, 2026, regular board meeting and also directed staff to negotiate with Goodwin & Goodwin, Inc. on the amount of their bid. A meeting with Goodwin & Goodwin, Inc. was held on October 26, 2026, to review their bid. This resulted in Goodwin & Goodwin, Inc. revising the amount of their bid to $5,060,015.50, which is 9.5% above the engineer's estimate, and added 120 calendar days for substantial completion, which results in a contract time of 390 calendar days. The additional contract time does not impact Consent Decree milestone requirements, so the additional time requested was approved. Attached is a bid tabulation comparing the original bid amount to the negotiated amount.

Included in the Board's agenda packet are two resolutions: Item A is a resolution authorizing the Mayor to reject the bid submitted by Goodwin & Goodwin, Inc., as this specific item was tabled to the November 2 meeting. Item B is a resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a contract with Goodwin & Goodwin, Inc. in the negotiated amount of $5,060,015.50 and for contract time of 390 calendar days.

Please contact me should you or members of the Board have any questions or desire additional information.

FY 2027-2031
Fire Department Capital Improvement Project

Apparatus Cost

Funding Source
Option 1/8% Sales Tax

Total Tax FY
Current Year Tax 1/8 $3,650,903

Project Description
This project will procure advanced firefighting vehicles, including pumpers and ladder trucks, to replace aging equipment, meet NFPA standards, and accommodate the growing needs of the city.

Project Justification
Upgrading the fleet is crucial for improved emergency responses, firefighter safety, and lower maintenance costs. New apparatus will ensure efficient operations, enhance public safety, and could contribute to reduced insurance premiums for the Fort Smith community.

Cost Summary

	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total
Total Cost	**$ 2,172,069**	**$ -**	**$ 4,140,000**	**$ 1,300,000**	**$ 2,500,000**	**$ 10,112,069**

Comments
Based on 5% increase per year

Expense Itemization

2027			
Cost	$ 2,172,069		
Unit Being Replaced	Ladder 11		
Asset Number	964		
Age of Apparatus	14		
Total Cost			**$2,172,069**

2028			
Cost			
Unit Being Replaced			
Asset Number			
Age of Apparatus			
Total Cost			**$0**

2029			
Cost	$ 2,340,000	$ 1,800,000	
Unit Being Replaced	Ladder 9	Rescue 1	
Asset Number	965	403	
Age of Apparatus	16	15	
Total Cost			**$4,140,000**

2030			
Cost	$ 1,300,000		
Unit Being Replaced	Pumper 6		
Asset Number			
Age of Apparatus	11		
Total Cost			**$1,300,000**

2031			
Cost	$ 2,500,000		
Unit Being Replaced	Ladder 11		
Asset Number			
Age of Apparatus	14		
Total Cost			**$2,500,000**