

REPORT TO THE BOARD OF MAYOR & ALDERMEN

DATE: August 24, 2026

FROM: Dale Lane, Police Chief

SUBJECT: Purchase of a Replacement Emergency Power Generator for the Town-Wide Radio System

INTRODUCTION:

The purpose of this agenda item is to obtain the Mayor and Board of Aldermen approval for the purchase of a replacement generator for the tower site.

BACKGROUND:

The emergency generator that supports the Town's radio system at the tower site has been in service since the facility was constructed in 2004. The generator provides critical backup power to the townwide radio system during power outages.

Several components are beginning to fail, and replacement parts are no longer readily available. Public Services personnel believe the generator has reached the end of its useful service life and recommend that it be replaced to ensure reliable emergency power and continued operation of the Town's radio system.

DISCUSSION:

In October 2025, Public Works City Shop Supervisor Allen Hataway recommended replacing the existing generator due to its critical role in providing power to the Town's radio system during power outages.

While researching vendors for the replacement generator and transfer switch, Public Works staff identified Thompson Energy Solutions as a Sourcewell Cooperative Contract vendor under Contract #092222-CAT. Thompson Energy Solutions representative Cody Lemons met with Allen Hataway to assess the Town's replacement needs. The existing generator is a 50 kW unit, and it was determined that a 50 kW replacement unit would meet the Town's needs. The model number of the replacement generator is C4 4GC. The replacement generator will require an enlargement of the existing concrete pad, as the new unit has a larger footprint than the current generator. Public Works will extend the existing pad to accommodate the new unit.

In addition to replacing the generator, staff recommends replacing the existing transfer switch. The replacement transfer switch is included in the quoted project price.

The approved budget for this project is \$57,469.24, which includes delivery, installation, testing, and removal of the existing generator.

BUDGET IMPACT:
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Fund	Dept.	Obj. Code	Description	Approved Line Item Budget	Previous Expenses	Proposed Expense	Balance	Budget Impact
321	42100	949- 202701	Emergency Generator - Tower Site	\$57,469.94	\$0.00	\$57,469.24	\$0.70	N/A

ATTACHMENTS:

[Generator Replacement Quote 2026.pdf](#)

PROPOSED MOTION:

To approve the purchase of a replacement emergency power generator for the Town's radio system at the tower site from Thompson Energy Solutions in the amount of \$57,469.24.

Board Action: Motion By _____ Seconded By _____

Vote Total	Hall	Jordan	Robbins	Marshall	Stamps	Fraser
Yes						
No						
Abstain						