

Memo

To: Mayor Russell and Council Members

From: Mark Latham, City Planner

Date: June 27, 2024

Subject: Bond Refinancing

Last year, the Council approved a 10-year CIP that identified the 2024-2026 projects. The projects included the Water Tower and 12-inch line, new Police Station, 412/Barrington Intersection improvements, Ladder Truck, and improvements to Sbanotto Park and Community Building. The ladder truck was purchased, and the remainder projects were to be considered with a bond refinancing.

The Council prioritized four projects to include new street construction of Fletcher, Wildcat, and North Barrington, Police Station, Parks/Community Building, and Water Tower. An application has been made to ANRC along with possible revenue bond with Stephens. Both options of revenue bonds will require rate increases that could be substantial. Therefore, staff believe the water tower would be paid off sooner without rate increases. No major water projects are scheduled for the next seven years. An updated cost estimate to complete Fletcher has increased to 5 million. I would recommend completing east Fletcher with the remaining 1 million at this time.

2 weeks ago, staff met with Mayor Russell to discuss final recommendation to Council. (See Attached)