

City of Winter Park
- Fire Department

City seeks bids for FD addition

The Winter Park City Commission last week decided to consider building a new garage to alleviate the fire department's problem of limited storage and work space.

Fire Chief Sid Ballou told commissioners a three-sided building capable of housing the department's new \$220,000 truck is needed. The metal garage could provide work space for equipment repair and maintenance, provide storage area for fire-fighting apparatus, and provide an indoor training area for firemen. The building would be approximately 60 by 30 feet, said city manager David Harden, and would be built next to the existing fire station at New York and Lyman streets.

Originally, a block building was proposed at an estimated cost of \$28,000. A third option was to erect a chain link fence in place of block or metal walls. Mayor James Driver favored the mason block option saying, "It's going to house a \$200,000 machine ... and we're not going to put it in a chicken coop."

Commissioner Jerome Donnelly said, "We don't want to put it in a penthouse, either." The cost of a metal structure was estimated at \$16,000 to \$20,000.

The Commission moved to contract Joe Carlisle of Carlisle and Dorsey architects to advertise for bids on both the mason block building and the metal wall building.