



# City of Grand Island

Tuesday, June 27, 2017

Council Session

## Item G-15

**#2017-172 (Amended) – Approving Correction to Resolution  
#2017-172 Regarding Fire Rescue Equipment**

Staff Contact: Cory Schmidt, Fire Chief

# Council Agenda Memo

**From:** Fire Chief Cory Schmidt  
**Meeting:** June 27, 2017  
**Subject:** Hydraulic Rescue Tools  
**Presenter(s):** Cory Schmidt and Tim Hiemer

## Background

The use of high tension steel in vehicle manufacturing has become very common. As a result of the change in vehicle design many of the older extrication tools are unable to meet the challenges fire departments face. The Grand Island Fire Department (GIFD) requested and was authorized by Council \$40,000 in FY 2016-17 to replace their ageing hydraulic rescue equipment. On June 13, 2017, Council approved Resolution 2017-172 authorizing the purchase of hydraulic rescue equipment manufactured by Equipment Management Company, DBA Genesis Rescue Systems, through a contract available through the HGAC buying group, at a total cost of \$37,717. It was subsequently learned that the telescoping ram, a part of the purchase authorized by Resolution 2017-172, is not available through the HGAC purchasing contract but must be purchased from Heiman Fire Equipment, the exclusive distributor in Nebraska.

## Discussion

GIFD administration coordinated four vendors to conduct a hands-on demonstration of hydraulic rescue tools. The various products were tested by GIFD personnel. The designated committee chose the Genesis brand of rescue equipment. The Genesis equipment is available through the HGAC buying group which meets City purchasing requirements. The bid price of the Genesis rescue equipment is \$28,830 from Equipment Management Company, DBA Genesis Rescue Systems. In addition to the equipment available through the HGAC, a telescoping ram made by Genesis is also requested. The price of the ram is \$8,887. The telescoping ram is not available through the HGAC buying group because it is a relatively new product. The ram is proprietary to the other equipment and is designed to be used with the Genesis system. Heiman Fire Equipment is the sole source vendor of the Genesis brand in Nebraska. Therefore, the telescoping ram must be purchased through Heiman Fire Equipment. Total price of the requested hydraulic rescue tools including the telescoping ram is \$37,717. The proposed resolution, if adopted, would correct the prior council action by authorizing the separate purchases, one with Equipment Management Company through the HGAC buyers group and one with Heiman Fire Equipment.

## **Alternatives**

It appears that the Council has the following alternatives concerning the issue at hand. The Council may:

1. Move to approve
2. Refer the issue to a Committee
3. Postpone the issue to future date
4. Take no action on the issue

## **Recommendation**

City Administration recommends that the Council approve the purchase of the Genesis telescoping ram from Heiman Fire Equipment for \$8,887 and the spreaders, cutters, short ram, as accessories from Equipment Management Company for \$28,830, for a total of \$37,717.

## **Sample Motion**

Move to approve the resolution.

RESOLUTION 2017-172 (Amended)

WHEREAS, on June 13, 2017, Resolution 2017-172 was adopted authorizing the purchase of Genesis fire rescue equipment from Heiman Fire Equipment at a cost of \$37,717.00 through a purchase contract available through the HGAC buyers group; and

WHEREAS, included with the proposed purchase authorized by Resolution 2017-172 was a telescoping ram which is not available for purchase directly from Equipment Management Company; and

WHEREAS, Heiman Fire Equipment is the sole source vendor in Nebraska for Genesis rescue equipment telescoping ram at a cost of \$8,887.00; and

WHEREAS, Equipment Management Company will supply the spreaders, cutters, short ram, and accessories at a cost of \$28,830.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA, that Resolution 2017-172 is hereby amended to approve the purchase of the Genesis rescue equipment from Equipment Management Company, through the HGAC buyers group, at a cost of \$28,830.00 and from Heiman Fire Equipment at a cost of \$8,887.00.

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Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, June 27, 2017.

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Jeremy L. Jensen, Mayor

Attest:

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RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

Approved as to Form	☒ _____
June 23, 2017	☒ City Attorney