



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, October 10, 2017

Council Session

Item G-23

**#2017-287 – Approving Purchase of 3/4 Ton Dodge Truck from
State Contract for the Fire Department**

Staff Contact: Cory Schmidt, Fire Chief

Council Agenda Memo

From: Fire Chief Cory Schmidt
Meeting: October 10, 2017
Subject: Purchase of a new Dodge Ram 2500
Presenter(s): Fire Division Chief Tim Hiemer

Background

The Fire Department attempts to maintain its fleet of vehicles to insure as long of service life as possible. The Fire Department also subscribes to a fleet replacement program that uses a lifecycle cost analysis and recommends the replacement of a vehicle once the total maintenance cost has reached 100% of the current value of the vehicle. At this point the cost of ownership would be more than what the vehicle is worth. The current 2003 Ford F150 has reached this point and due to continued maintenance issues, should be replaced.

Discussion

The vehicle the Grand Island Fire Department would like to purchase is a Dodge Ram 2500 equipped with a snow plow. This vehicle will replace a current staff vehicle and also add to the ability of the department to provide timely emergency response during major snow events. The Fire Department currently has one vehicle, a 2000 ¾ ton Chevy Suburban, which is used primarily for plowing snow and towing trailers. Current practice is to staff that vehicle with one person during major snow events in order to plow the streets in front of emergency response vehicles. However, due to an increase in call volume over the years it has now become evident that during major snow events, two vehicles are needed to ensure timely emergency response. Fire Administration requested \$38,000 in the FY 2017-18 budget for the purchase of this vehicle. A Dodge Ram 2500 with a factory installed snow plow was found using state bid. The purchase price is \$35,804 and the vehicle is available through Gene Steffy Chrysler, Jeep, Dodge Ram from Fremont, Nebraska.

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 a Dodge Ram 2500 for the Grand Island Fire Department at the cost of \$35,804 from State bid.

Sample Motion

Move to approve the purchase of a Dodge Ram 2500 with snow plow for the Grand Island Fire Department at the cost of \$35,804 utilizing State bid through Gene Steffy Chrysler, Jeep, Dodge Ram from Fremont, Nebraska.

RESOLUTION 2017-287

WHEREAS, the Grand Island Fire Department currently has a 2003 Ford F150 in the fleet; and

WHEREAS, the truck has electrical issues and over 100,000 miles, reliability and safety are in question; and

WHEREAS, replacing the truck will decrease the maintenance cost, and provide another vehicle capable of plowing snow for emergency response.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA, move to approve the purchase of a Dodge Ram 2500 with snow plow for \$35,804 utilizing State bid through Gene Steffy Chrysler, Jeep, Dodge Ram of Fremont, Nebraska.

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Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, October 10, 2017.

Jeremy L. Jensen, Mayor

Attest:

RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

Approved as to Form	▣ _____
December 14, 2017	▣ City Attorney