



# City of Grand Island

Tuesday, December 19, 2017

Council Session

## Item G-12

**#2017-359 - Approving Purchase of Braun Type I Ambulance**

Staff Contact: Cory Schmidt, Fire Chief

# **Council Agenda Memo**

**From:** Cory Schmidt, Fire Chief

**Meeting:** December 19, 2017

**Subject:** Purchase Braun Type I Ambulance

**Presenter(s):** Cory Schmidt, Fire Chief  
Russ Blackburn, EMS Division Chief

## **Background**

The Grand Island Fire Department maintains a fleet of seven ambulances. There are two ambulances at Stations 1, 2, and 4 and one ambulance at Station 3. Station 1 and 2 ambulances are staffed every day to respond to medical calls. If staffing allows, a third ambulance is placed in service at Station 4. If medical calls exceed the number of staffed ambulances, the crew from an engine company will transfer to a back-up ambulance and respond with advanced life support capability. This is possible because every engine company has a paramedic on it. During 2017, the highest number of ambulances we had out on calls simultaneously was five. Every month we hit multiple days that 3 to 4 ambulances are out at the same time. Those numbers do not take into account other units out on fire calls at the same time.

This purchase allows us to maintain a goal of an ambulance purchase every two years. This means that an ambulance will be used for 8 years as a primary ambulance and then rotated to back-up duty for an additional 6 years. Then when ambulances reach 14 years of service they are retired and replaced.

## **Discussion**

The city council approved the purchase of an ambulance in the 2017/2018 budget for a budgeted amount \$248,000.00. The Fire Department would like to replace a 17 year old 2000 Ford type III ambulance. That ambulance has 114,674 miles on it in 7085 hours of operation.

All of the chassis manufacturers have stopped producing the van cut-away chassis that we have always used for Grand Island ambulances. This will be our first purchase of a type I ambulance with 4x4 traction capabilities. We would like to purchase a 2018 Braun Chief XL on a Ford 550 chassis for \$243,678.00 from North Central Emergency Vehicles of Lester Prairie, Minnesota. The ambulance will be purchased through BuyHGAC so it

is already pre-bid through them. The ambulance will be paid for upon delivery in approximately 240 days. The ambulance will come prewired for our communications radio, an Opticom preemptive device, and GIFD graphics. These three things are usually additional expenses after the ambulance is delivered.

### **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 2018 Braun Chief XL ambulance on a Ford 550 chassis for \$243,678.00 for use by the GIFD for emergency service use.

### **Sample Motion**

Move to approve the purchase of the 2018 Braun Chief XL ambulance on a Ford 550 chassis for \$243,678.00 for use by the GIFD for emergency service use.

RESOLUTION 2017-359

WHEREAS, the City Council approved the purchase of a Braun Chief XL ambulance in the 2017/ 2018 budget; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Department needs to replace a 2000 ambulance with 114,674 miles to make the fleet of ambulances and emergency response more reliable; and

WHEREAS, North Central Emergency Vehicles of Lester Prairie, Minnesota has submitted a cost through BuyHGAC for a 2018 Braun Chief XL ambulance on a Ford 550 chassis for less than the budgeted amount for the replacement of an ambulance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA, to allow the Fire Department to purchase the 2018 Braun Chief XL ambulance on a Ford 550 chassis from North Central Emergency Vehicles of Lester Prairie, Minnesota for the price of \$243,678.00.

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Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, December 19, 2017.

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Jeremy L. Jensen, Mayor

Attest:

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RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

Approved as to Form	☐ _____
December 15, 2017	☐ City Attorney