



# City of Grand Island

Tuesday, February 12, 2019

Council Session

## Item G-16

**#2019-56 - Approving Station Alerting System for the Grand Island Fire Department and Communications Center**

Staff Contact: Cory Schmidt, Fire Chief

# Council Agenda Memo

**From:** Cory Schmidt, Fire Chief  
**Meeting:** February 12, 2019  
**Subject:** Station Alerting System  
**Presenter(s):** Tim Hiemer, Division Chief

## Background

The Grand Island Fire Department (GIFD) has researched ways to reduce the amount of time it takes from when a person dials 911 until help arrives. The one area that can be safely improved is the call processing and tone time. This is the timeframe between the receipt of the 911 call by the Communications Center until GIFD personnel are notified. In order to minimize the processing and tone time it was determined that an automated station alerting system would help accomplish this goal. The GIFD and the Communications Center has planned and budgeted for the purchase and implementation of a new alerting system for the fire stations. The combined budget authority for this project is \$250,000.

## Discussion

The GIFD researched, utilizing FireRescue GPO, various station alerting systems and determined that the Phoenix G2 system from US Digital Designs to meet the needs of the department now and into the foreseeable future. This was based on price, features and functionality. The cost of the system is \$216,271.72, with the Communications Center responsible for \$50,000 for hardware and training at the new dispatch center. The remaining \$166,271.72 is for hardware, installation in fire stations, software and training for the GIFD.

## 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 approves the purchase of the Phoenix G2 system from US Digital Designs at a price of \$216,271.72.

## **Sample Motion**

Move to approve the purchase of the Phoenix G2 system from US Digital Designs at a price of \$216,271.72.

RESOLUTION 2019-56

WHEREAS, the Grand Island Fire Department and the Communications Center was budgeted funds to purchase a fire station alerting system; and

WHEREAS, the FireRescue GPO was utilized to secure competitive bids in accordance with City procurement policy; and

WHEREAS, US Digital Designs Phoenix G2 Automated Fire Station Alerting system was chosen on price, functionality and features for the purchase price of 216,271.72.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA, that a purchase order and subsequent payment is authorized for the Fire Station Alerting system is hereby approved.

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Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, February 12, 2019.

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Roger G. Steele, Mayor

Attest:

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RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

Approved as to Form	☒ _____
February 8, 2019	☒ City Attorney