



# **City of Grand Island**

**Tuesday, July 9, 2019**  
**Council Session/Budget Work Session**

## **Item G-8**

### **#2019-208 - Approving Purchase of Stryker Power Cots and Power Load System**

**Staff Contact: Cory Schmidt, Fire Chief**

# **Council Agenda Memo**

**From:** Fire Chief Cory Schmidt

**Meeting:** July 9, 2019

**Subject:** Purchase of Stryker Power Cots and Power Load System

**Presenter(s):** Fire Division Chief Russ Blackburn

## **Background**

The City Council approved budget for 2018-2019 included \$85,000 for the purchase of two new Stryker Power Cots and two Stryker Power Load systems. The Fire Department has used the powered cots since we bought three in 2006. The two new cots will replace two of the 2006 models with around 50 operating hours each. (It takes about five to six seconds to raise or lower the cot.)

## **Discussion**

The Power Load Systems are new for the GIFD. The system supports the cot while retracting the wheels for loading so personnel do not have to support the weight of the patient and the cot during this process and then it pulls the cot into a secure position in the ambulance eliminating the need to steer the cot into the securing brackets. This is where the greatest chance of injury is while loading a cot as it requires the person loading the cot to apply uneven forces or to rotate their body to steer the cot or a second person to enter the ambulance and steer the front of the cot in a stooping or squatting position.

In the worst-case scenario during a collision, the firefighter paramedic and the patient are more protected from injury with the locking mechanism provided by the triple k compliant device. It secures the stretcher so it is not able to dislodge and become a projectile during a collision. It prevents additional harm to a citizen (patient) and a FF performing their job.

During last week of June, Stryker had a sale on both systems. The purchase of two cots and two Power Loads is now \$80,263.60.

## **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 two Stryker Power Cots and two Power Load systems from Stryker for the price of \$80,263.60.

### **Sample Motion**

Move to approve the purchase of two Stryker Power Cots and two Power Load systems from Stryker for the price of \$80,263.60.

RESOLUTION 2019-208

WHEREAS, the Grand Island Fire Department has patient cots that are reaching the end of their useful life span and need to be replaced with new cots; and

WHEREAS, the Stryker Power Load System is safer for the paramedics and patients and will reduce employee injuries; and

WHEREAS, Stryker Medical had a sale on the price of the equipment in June of this year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA, that the Mayor be, and hereby is, authorized and directed to approve the purchase of two Stryker Power Cots and two Power Load systems from Stryker for the price of \$80,263.60.

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Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, July 9, 2019.

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Roger G. Steele, Mayor

Attest:

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RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

Approved as to Form	▣ _____
July 5, 2019	▣ City Attorney