



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, October 22, 2019

Council Session

Item G-8

#2019-317 - Approving Purchase of Stryker Power Cot and Power Load System

Staff Contact: Cory Schmidt, Fire Chief

Council Agenda Memo

From: Fire Chief Cory Schmidt

Meeting: October 22, 2019

Subject: Purchase of Stryker Power Cot and Power Load System

Presenter(s): Fire Division Chief Russ Blackburn

Background

The City Council approved budget for 2019-2020 included \$49,000 for the purchase of a new Stryker Power Cot and Stryker Power Load system. The Fire Department has used the powered cots since we bought three in 2006. The new cot will replace a 2006 model with around 36 operating hours. (It takes about five to six seconds to raise or lower the cot.)

Discussion

This will be the third Power Load Systems for the GFD. 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.

The purchase of the cot and Power Load is \$45,177.72 and \$3,222.28 for installation from InstaTech.

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 Stryker Power Cot and Power Load system from Stryker for the price of \$45,177.72 and \$3,222.28 for installation from InstaTech.

Sample Motion

Move to approve the purchase of the Stryker Power Cot and Power Load system from Stryker for the price of \$45,177.72 and \$3,222.28 for installation from InstaTech.

RESOLUTION 2019-317

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.

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 the Stryker Power Cot and Power Load system from Stryker for the price of \$45,177.72 and \$3,222.28 for installation from InstaTech.

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Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, October 22, 2019.

Roger G. Steele, Mayor

Attest:

RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

Approved as to Form	☐ _____
October 18, 2019	☐ City Attorney