



# City of Grand Island

Tuesday, April 26, 2022

Council Session

## Item G-16

**#2022-117 - Approving Purchase of Braun Type I Ambulance**

Staff Contact: Cory Schmidt, Fire Chief

# Council Agenda Memo

**From:** Cory Schmidt, Fire Chief  
**Meeting:** April 26, 2022  
**Subject:** Purchase Braun Type I Ambulance  
**Presenter(s):** Cory Schmidt, Russ Blackburn

## 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 2021, 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.

Current economic conditions and supply chain issues have caused the delivery of a new ambulance from Braun Manufacturing to reach two years from date of order, and multiple price increases since our last ambulance purchase. With permission from the City Administrator and the Finance Director we bring this to City Council to approve a purchase of an ambulance that will likely be delivered in the 2023/2024 budget year, and paid for at that time. Ordering now saves our place in the production queue and prevents even longer delays.

## Discussion

The purchase of an ambulance in the 2023/2024 budget for a budgeted amount of not more than \$409,000. The Fire Department would like to replace a 2003 Ford type III ambulance.

This will be our third purchase of a type I ambulance with 4x4 traction capabilities. The GIFD requests approval to purchase a 2024 Braun Chief XL Modular Ambulance on a 2024 Ford F550, 4X4, diesel chassis for not more than \$409,000.00 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. The ambulance will come prewired for our communications radio, an Opticom preemptive device, the Stryker Power-load/ Power cot, and GIFD graphics. These four things are usually additional expenses after the ambulance is delivered. An approval by Council will allow the GIFD to place the order and secure a spot in the production line. The ambulance purchase will also require approval as part of the fire department's capital budget for the fiscal year when the ambulance is expected to be delivered which is anticipated as FY 2023-24.

### **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 2024 Braun Chief XL Modular Ambulance on a 2024 Ford F550, 4X4, diesel chassis for not more than \$409,000.00 for use by the GIFD for emergency service use.

### **Sample Motion**

Move to approve the purchase of the 2024 Braun Chief XL Modular Ambulance on a 2024 Ford F550, 4X4, diesel chassis for use by the GIFD for emergency service use.

RESOLUTION 2022-117

WHEREAS, economics conditions have caused delays in delivery and price increases of a Braun Chief XL Modular Ambulance; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Department needs to replace a 2003 ambulance 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 2024 Braun Chief XL Modular Ambulance on a 2024 Ford F550, 4X4, diesel chassis for not more than \$409,000.00.

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 2024 Braun Chief XL Modular Ambulance on a 2024 Ford F550, 4X4, diesel chassis from North Central Emergency Vehicles of Lester Prairie, Minnesota for the price of not more than \$409,000.00.

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Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, April 26, 2022.

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Roger G. Steele, Mayor

Attest:

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RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

Approved as to Form	☒ _____
April 22, 2022	☒ City Attorney