



# City of Grand Island

Tuesday, November 22, 2022

Council Session

## Item G-14

**#2022-335 - Approving Grand Island Television (GITV) Upgrade and Designation of Sole Source Provider**

Staff Contact: Patrick Brown, Finance Director

# Council Agenda Memo

**From:** Jeremy Watson, Audio/Video Technician

**Meeting:** November 22, 2022

**Subject:** Approving Grand Island Television (GITV) Upgrade and Designation of Sole Source Provider

**Presenter(s):** Pat Brown, Finance Director

## Background

Grand Island Television, along with the Finance Department, presented needed upgrades to the current media system on September 20, 2022, which include digital signage display implementation, audio system replacement, and video/lighting additions.

GITV's last upgrade occurred in 2016.

## Discussion

Custom programming, system implementation, certifications, on-going system health histories along with annual maintenance deployments have been handled by AVI Systems for the last 16 years. As GITV continues to progress and build on the current system, so too does the level(s) of customization needed to meet the City's needs. Due to the above circumstances (custom programming, familiarization with the city's custom implementation of hardware and software), AVI is the only provider of the equipment and services needed.

Per our Cable TV Franchise agreement, the City is required to spend these funds on capital improvements for GITV. The last upgrade was in 2016 and revenues have averaged \$30,000 a year since then. GITV is seeking approval to move forward with the aforementioned upgrades through AVI Systems in the amount of \$83,000.00.

## 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 upgrades purchase from AVI Systems of Omaha, Nebraska in the total amount of \$83,000.00 as well as deeming them sole source provider for such work with Grand Island Television.

### **Sample Motion**

Move to approve the resolution.

RESOLUTION 2022-335

WHEREAS, the current GITV media system is upgrading its custom hardware and software broadcast system; and

WHEREAS, AVI Systems is the sole provider of said services; and

WHEREAS, digital signage display implementation, audio system replacement and video/lighting additions will be made; and

WHEREAS, custom programming, system implementation, certifications, on-going system health histories along with annual maintenance deployments have been handled by AVI Systems for the last 16 years; and

WHEREAS, the last upgrade was in 2016 and cable franchise fee revenues have averaged \$30,000 a year since then; and

WHEREAS, per our Cable TV Franchise agreement, the City is required to spend these funds on capital improvements for GITV; and

WHEREAS, GITV is seeking approval to purchase system upgrade hardware and software implementations in the total amount of \$83,000.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA, that the purchase of the above noted hardware and software, in the total amount of \$83,000.00 from AVI Systems of Omaha, Nebraska is hereby approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that AVI Systems is hereby designated as the sole source provider for hardware and software purchases and implementations for Grand Island Television.

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Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, November 22, 2022.

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Roger G. Steele, Mayor

Attest:

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RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

Approved as to Form	☐ _____
November 18, 2022	☐ City Attorney