



# **City of Grand Island**

**Tuesday, August 13, 2013**

**Council Session**

## **Item G-5**

**#2013-253 - Approving Purchase of Portable Radios**

**Staff Contact: Steve Lamken**

# **Council Agenda Memo**

**From:** Steven Lamken, Police Chief

**Meeting:** August 13, 2013

**Subject:** Purchase of Portable Radios

**Item #'s:** G-5

**Presenter(s):** Steven Lamken, Police Chief

## **Background**

We received notice in June of 2013 from Motorola that they will no longer support portable radios with phone patch buttons after June of 2014. This means that we will not be able to get them repaired by authorized Motorola service centers and will not be able to get parts for them.

The Police Department needs to begin replacing about 100 portable radios currently in use. This is the first purchase of thirty radios to begin replacing the ones currently in use.

## **Discussion**

We received notice in June of 2013 from Motorola that they will no longer support portable radios with phone patch buttons after June of 2014. This means that we will not be able to get them repaired by our local authorized Motorola service center. It also means that Motorola will no longer supply repair parts for the radios.

The Police Department has approximately 100 Motorola portable radios with the phone patch feature in use at this time. The majority of these radios are 10 years old or older and reaching the end of their life cycle and the Police Department would be faced with beginning to replace them in the near future. The announcement from Motorola has hastened the need to accelerate the replacement schedule.

The Department will purchase 30 new portable radios this year and has plans to purchase 40 more next year. We will hopefully complete the switchover in the third budget year.

The Department received three quotes from authorized Motorola dealers in the region. While they all have the title of Platte Valley Communications, each of these are independently owned dealerships. The Police Department also contacted National Two-

Way Radio, an on-line company. National Two-Way Radio gave a telephone quote of \$790.00 for the Motorola 7550 radio with a standard battery. The lowest quote for the purchase of 30 radios is \$765.00 per radio with a high capacity battery from Platte Valley Communications of Grand Island. The price quote of \$30,990.00 includes 30 extra high capacity batteries, microphones and carrying cases for the radios.

### **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 30 Motorola XPR 7550 radios and additional accessories from Platte Valley Communications of Grand Island, NE for \$30,990.00.

### **Sample Motion**

Move to approve the purchase of 30 Motorola XPR 7550 radios and additional equipment for \$30,990.00 from Platte Valley Communications of Grand Island.

3820 W. ARCH AVE  
GRAND ISLAND, NE 68803  
(308) 382-6212, FAX # (308) 384-1557  
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**Job Description:** XPR 7550 PORTABLE RADIO QUOTE

<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$30,990.00</b>
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Quote # 12286  
PLATTE VALLEY COMMUNICATIONS QUOTATION

OF HASTINGS INC

Quote Number: 12 286

300 W. J ST.  
HASTINGS, NE 689 01 Quote Date: Jul 2, 2013

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Voice: 40 2-4 63-707 7  
Fax:

Quoted To:  
G.I.P.D  
GRAND ISLAND

Customer ID Good Thru Payment Terms Sales Rep  
CASHSALE 8/1/13 Net 30 Days STARK

Quantity

30	.00	AAH56R DN9 KA1AN XPR7550 UHF 81 5.00 24 ,4 50.00
PORTABLE RADIO.		
30	.00	PMNN4409 21 50 MAH BATTERY 11 2.00 3,360.00
30	.00	PMMN4050 NOISE CANCEL LING MIC 95 .00 2,850.00
30	.00	UH F STUBBY ANTENNA
30	.00	PMLN5842 LEATHER CARRY CASE 60 .00 1,800.00

Item

Description

Unit Price

Amount

Freight  
TOTAL 32 ,4 60.00  
Sales Tax  
Subtotal 32 ,4 60.00  
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RESOLUTION 2013-253

WHEREAS, The Police Department needs to purchase portable radios; and

WHEREAS, the Police Department is purchasing thirty Motorola XPR7550 radios and accessories; and

WHEREAS, Platte Valley Communications of Grand Island has provided the lowest quote of \$30,990.00 for the thirty radios and accessories.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA, to approve the purchase of thirty Motorola XPR7550 radios and accessories from Platte Valley Communications of Grand Island for a cost of \$30,990.00.

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Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, August 13, 2013.

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Jay Vavricek, Mayor

Attest:

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RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

Approved as to Form	☐ _____
August 9, 2013	☐ City Attorney