



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, May 23, 2006

Council Session

Item G14

#2006-166 - Approving Services Agreement with Property Bureau, Inc.

Staff Contact: Steve Lamken

Council Agenda Memo

From: Steven Lamken, Police Chief
Meeting: May 23, 2006
Subject: Renewal of Contract with PropertyBureau, Inc.
Item #'s: G-14
Presenter(s): Steven Lamken, Police Chief

Background

The City entered into a one year contract with PropertyBureau Inc. to provide auction services for the disposal of found and unclaimed property from the Police Department and surplus property from City government. PropertyBureau, Inc. then sells the property at auction on the Internet.

Discussion

PropertyBureau, Inc. brings a truck to the City and has taken all items the City has had for auction including some hard to dispose of items such as electronics. The service has significantly reduced the amount of time City personnel must spend to dispose of property. The service has proven to be a cost effective method for auctioning found, unclaimed, and surplus property for the City.

City Administration is recommending an open ended agreement with PropertyBureau, Inc. that allows us to continue to use the services until such time as the City decides to end the arrangement.

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 move to approve to continue using the services of PropertyBureau, Inc. for the auction of found, unclaimed, and surplus property.

Sample Motion

Motion to approve Resolution 2006-166 to continue using the services of PropertyBureau, Inc. for the auctioning of found, unclaimed and surplus property for the City of Grand Island.

R E S O L U T I O N 2006-166

WHEREAS, the Grand Island Police Department is responsible for the sale of unclaimed and/or stolen property; and

WHEREAS, the Police Department periodically schedules auctions to dispense of such items; and

WHEREAS, Property Bureau, Inc. provides a service to allow such items to be listed on its website and sold at public auction on the internet; and

WHEREAS, selling such items on the internet has the potential for a larger bidding pool and a higher sale price than can be obtained selling it locally; and

WHEREAS, Property Bureau, Inc. would receive 50% of the first \$1,000 and 25% over that amount to provide this service; and

WHEREAS, it is recommended that the City authorize a contract with Property Bureau, Inc. to sell the City's surplus, unclaimed, and/or stolen property according to the terms of the contract.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA, that the Police Department is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with Property Bureau, Inc. to facilitate the sale of the City's surplus, unclaimed, and stolen property on the website, PropertyRoom.com, in accordance with the terms of the contract.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to execute such contract on behalf of the City of Grand Island.

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Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, May 23, 2006.

Jay Vavricek, Mayor

Attest:

RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

Approved as to Form	☐ _____
May 17, 2006	☐ City Attorney