



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, February 26, 2008

Council Session

Item G16

**#2008-69 - Approving Amendment to Resolution 2008-47
Regarding Structural Firefighters Protective Clothing**

Staff Contact: Jim Rowell

Council Agenda Memo

From: Troy Hughes, Training Division Chief
Meeting: February 26, 2008
Subject: Amendment to Resolution #2008-47
Item #'s: G-16
Presenter(s): Jim Rowell, Fire Chief

Background

On February 12, 2008, the Council approved Resolution #2008-47. This resolution gave authorization to purchase 56 sets of protective clothing from Municipal Emergency Services, Inc of Fremont, Nebraska at a cost of \$82,721.

Discussion

At the present time the fire department has only 54 members who need protective clothing. This amendment proposes that only 54 sets of protective clothing be purchased at this time. Additionally, the protective clothing committee identified two additional needs related to the design of the protective clothing after evaluating all bids. 1) The need for additional padding on the knees, and; 2) Additional protection on the pockets of the pants. Neither of these items was included in the original bid specifications. Municipal Emergency Services identified the cost of adding these two items as \$37 per set of protective clothing. Knee padding - \$20/set and protection on pocket \$17/set. It is the opinion of the protective clothing committee that these modifications will extend the useful life of the protective clothing therefore resulting in a better value to the department.

The original resolution authorized \$82,271 to be spent on protective clothing. With the reduction of two sets of clothing and the two modifications to the original specification, the total expenditure drops to \$81,756. These changes are within the rules of the federal grant that is providing 90% of the funding for this purchase. These changes will result in a grant balance of \$956 that can be utilized to purchase other protective clothing like firefighting boots or firefighting gloves. No grant funding will be lost as a result of this change.

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 amendment to Resolution #2008-47.

Sample Motion

Move to amend Resolution #2008-47 to allow the purchase of 54 sets of protective clothing with the additional padding and reinforcement which results in a reduction of the awarded bid to Municipal Emergency Services from \$82,712 to \$81,756.

RESOLUTION 2008-69

WHEREAS, on February 12, 2008, by Resolution 2008-47, the City Council of the City of Grand Island awarded Municipal Emergency Services, Inc., of Fremont, Nebraska, the bid in the amount of \$82,712.00, for the purchase of 56 sets of protective clothing for firefighters; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that only 54 sets of protective clothing for city firefighters needs to be purchased at this time; and

WHEREAS, the result of such determination will decrease the purchase price amount by \$956.00 for a revised purchase price of \$81,756.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA, that the amendment to Resolution 2008-47 for the purchase of 54 sets of protective clothing for city firefighters for the amended purchase price of \$81,756.00, from Municipal Emergency Services, Inc., of Fremont, Nebraska, is hereby approved.

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Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, February 26, 2008.

Margaret Hornady, Mayor

Attest:

RaNae Edwards, City Clerk