



# City of Grand Island

Tuesday, December 02, 2008

Council Session

## Item G13

**#2008-341 - Approving State Contract for (3) 2009 Ford Crown Victoria Police Interceptors with Tincher Auto Mall and (3) 2009 Dodge Chargers Police Pursuit Vehicles with Performance Dodge**

Staff Contact: Steve Lamken

# **Council Agenda Memo**

**From:** Steven Lamken, Police Chief

**Meeting:** December 2, 2008

**Subject:** Purchase of Patrol Vehicles

**Item #'s:** G-13

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

## **Background**

The Police Department is purchasing three Ford Crown Victoria police package sedans and three Dodge Charger police package sedans to replace six patrol fleet vehicles for \$129,576.00. The Ford and Dodge cars are being purchased under the State bid for vehicles. There are funds budgeted for the purchase of the new vehicles in the Police Department budget..

## **Discussion**

The Police Department is purchasing six new police package cars for our patrol fleet. Five existing cars will be traded in or reassigning to other City departments. One of the six new patrol cars will replace a patrol car that was totaled in an accident earlier this year.

The Police Department has typically purchased the Ford Crown Victoria as a patrol car due to their proven reliability. We have decided to purchase three of the Dodge Chargers this year due to uncertainty and changes in the auto industry and Ford's statement that they are not planning on making the Crown Victoria police package after 2011. The State bid for the Charger is \$400 less than the Crown Victoria and the four and eight cylinder variable engines in the Chargers are rated to be more fuel efficient than the Ford eight cylinder engine.

At the same time, the Chargers do not have the proven performance record of the Crown Victoria's due to being a newer model. There are also additional costs to change out and reconfigure equipment to the Chargers. The Police Department is recommending the purchase of three 2009 Ford Crown Victoria police package cars at a cost of \$21,796.00 each from Tincher Automall under State bid #12278 and three 2009 Dodge Charger

police package cars at a cost of \$21,396.00 each from Performance Dodge under State bid # 12277 for a total cost of \$129,576.00.

### **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 purchase of three 2009 Ford Crown Victoria cars at a cost of \$65,388.00 from Tincher Automall under State bid #12278 and the purchase of three 2009 Dodge Chargers at a cost of \$64,188.00 from Performance Dodge under State bid #12277 for a total cost of \$129,576.00.

### **Sample Motion**

Move to approve the purchase of three 2009 Ford Crown Victoria cars at a cost of \$65,388.00 from Tincher Automall under State bid #12278 and the purchase of three 2009 Dodge Chargers at a cost of \$64,188.00 from Performance Dodge under State bid #12277 for a total cost of \$129,576.00.

RESOLUTION 2008-341

WHEREAS, the Police Department replaces a portion of the vehicles used in the patrol fleet each year, and

WHEREAS, the Police Department is purchasing six 2009 police patrol package sedans for the Patrol Division, and

WHEREAS, the Police Department desires to purchase three Crown Victoria sedans and three Dodge Charger sedans for the Patrol Division fleet, and

WHEREAS, the State bids for 2009 police package patrol cars are available, and Tincher Automall has received the State bid for 2009 Ford Crown Victoria police package patrol cars at a cost of \$21,796.00 each under State bid #12278, and Performance Dodge has received the State bid #12277 for 2009 Dodge Charger police package patrol cars at a cost of \$21,396.00 each, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA, that the Police Department purchase three Ford Crown Victoria sedans from Tincher Automall for \$65,388.00 and three Dodge Charger sedans from Performance Dodge for \$64,188.00 for a total cost of \$129,576.00.

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Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, December 2, 2008.

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Margaret Hornady, Mayor

Attest:

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RaNae Edwards, City Clerk