



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, November 24, 2015

Council Session

Item G-14

#2015-326 - Approving Purchase of Braun Type III Ambulance

Staff Contact: Cory Schmidt, Fire Chief

Council Agenda Memo

From: Cory Schmidt, Fire Chief
Meeting: November 24, 2015
Subject: Purchase Braun Type III Ambulance
Presenter(s): Cory Schmidt, Russ Blackburn

Background

The Grand Island Fire Department maintains a fleet of seven ambulances. There are two ambulances at Stations 1, 2, and 4 and one ambulance at Station 3. Station 1 and 2 ambulances are staffed every day to respond to medical calls. If staffing allows, a third ambulance is placed in service at Station 4. If medical calls exceed the number of staffed ambulances, the crew from an engine company will transfer to a back-up ambulance and respond with advanced life support capability. This is possible because every engine company has a paramedic on it. During 2014, the highest number of ambulances we had out on calls simultaneously was four. Every month we hit multiple days that 3 to 4 ambulances are out at the same time. Those numbers do not take into account other units out on fire calls at the same time.

This purchase allows us to maintain a goal of an ambulance purchase every two years. This means that an ambulance will be used for 8 years as a primary ambulance and then rotated to back-up duty for an additional 6 years. Then when ambulances reach 14 years of service they are retired and replaced.

Discussion

The city council approved the purchase of an ambulance in the 2015/2016 budget for a budgeted amount \$220,000. The Fire Department would like to replace a 20 year old 1995 Ford type III ambulance. That ambulance has 107,778 miles on it in 7391 hours of operation.

We would like to purchase a 2016 Braun Chief XL on a Chevy 4500 chassis for \$218,540 from North Central Emergency Vehicles of Lester Prairie, Minnesota. The ambulance will be purchased through BuyHGAC so it is already pre-bid through them. The ambulance will be paid for upon delivery in approximately 250 days. The ambulance will come prewired for our communications radio, an Opticom preemptive device, and GIFD graphics. These three things are usually additional expenses after the ambulance is

delivered. The ambulance meets all current standards and could be considered a candidate for re-chassis in the future.

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 the 2016 Chevy 4500 Type III Braun ambulance for use by the GIFD for emergency service use.

Sample Motion

Move to approve the purchase of the 2016 Chevy 4500 Type III Braun ambulance for use by the GIFD for emergency service use.

RESOLUTION 2015-326

WHEREAS, the City Council approved the purchase of a Braun Chief XL ambulance in the 2015/2016 budget; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Department needs to replace a 1995 ambulance with 107,778 miles to make the fleet of ambulances and emergency response more reliable; and

WHEREAS, North Central Emergency Vehicles of Lester Prairie, Minnesota has submitted a cost through BuyHGAC for a 2016 Chevy 4500 Type III ambulance for less than the budgeted amount for the replacement of an ambulance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA, to allow the Fire Department to purchase the 2016 Braun Chief XL, Chevy 4500 Type III ambulance from North Central Emergency Vehicles of Lester Prairie, Minnesota for the price of \$218,540.

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Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, November 24, 2015.

Jeremy L. Jensen, Mayor

Attest:

RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

Approved as to Form	☐ _____
November 20, 2015	☐ City Attorney