



# City of Grand Island

Tuesday, December 01, 2009

Council Session

## Item G6

**#2009-309 - Approving Purchase of Seven (7) Police Patrol Vehicles**

Staff Contact: Steve Lamken

# Council Agenda Memo

**From:** Steven Lamken, Police Chief  
**Meeting:** December 1, 2009  
**Subject:** Purchase of Police Patrol Vehicles  
**Item #'s:** G-6  
**Presenter(s):** Steven Lamken, Police Chief

## Background

The Police Department budgeted for the replacement of seven cars from our patrol fleet in 2009/2010. The State has released contracts for law enforcement patrol vehicles. State contracts were awarded for Dodge Charger and Ford Crown Victoria vehicles. There were no contracts awarded to local dealers. The Police Department is recommending purchasing seven Ford Crown Victoria patrol cars from Tinchner Ford under State contract 12610 OC.

## Discussion

The Police Department has budget funds to replace seven vehicles in our marked patrol fleet in this fiscal year. The State has awarded contracts for Dodge Charger and Ford Crown Victoria police fleet vehicles. The manufacturers produce only a limited number of police package vehicles based primarily off of orders received from law enforcement. Orders need to place in a timely manner to be able to purchase vehicles.

Nebraska awarded contracts for Dodge Charger and Ford Crown Victoria police vehicles. The contract price for the Dodge Charger is \$20,164. The contract price for the comparably equipped Ford Crown Victoria is \$21,198. The Police Department is recommending purchasing the Fords due to the overall costs of changing out equipment from the old cars to the new cars. Our current equipment can be installed in the Fords while we will need to purchase several items of new equipment to install in the Dodges. The following is an explanation of the overall costs:

	Dodge Charger	Ford Crown Victoria
Base Price w/ heated mirrors	\$20,164	\$21,198

Equipment console	1,200	-0-
Cage	1,100	-0-
Radio Tray	392	-0-
Rear deck lights	438	-0-
Cost per vehicle	\$23,294	\$21,198
Cost for seven vehicles	\$163,058	\$148,386
Less trade in for 6 vehicles	<u>- 19,000</u>	- 10,750
Replace one damaged radio tray		<u>- 375</u>
Total costs	\$144,058	\$138,011

The overall cost of purchasing the seven Ford Crown Victoria cars results in a total savings of just over \$6,000. The Ford Crown Victoria has a proven performance record and has been a reliable patrol vehicle for the Police Department. The Department has funds budgeted for the purchase of the vehicles. We are recommending the purchase of seven Crown Victoria police package cars from Tinchner Ford of Plattsmouth under State contract 12610 OC and the trade in of six used patrol cars for a total cost of \$138,011.

### **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 seven Ford cars for the Police Department fleet.

### **Sample Motion**

Move to purchase seven Ford Crown Victoria police package cars from Tinchner Ford of Plattsmouth, Nebraska under State contract number 12610 OC and trade in six used cars for a cost of \$138,011.

RESOLUTION 2009-309

WHEREAS, the Grand Island Police Department has budgeted funds to purchase seven police patrol vehicles and to trade in six older vehicles, and

WHEREAS, the State of Nebraska has awarded Tinchner Ford of Plattsmouth State contract number 12610 OC to sell Ford Crown Victoria police package vehicles, and

WHEREAS, the purchase of seven Ford Crown Victoria police package vehicles costs \$138,011 with the trade in of six used police fleet vehicles, and

WHEREAS, the contract for the purchase of Ford Crown Victoria vehicles provides the lowest overall cost for Police Department police package vehicles.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA, that the Mayor be, and hereby is, authorized and directed to execute the purchase of seven 2010 Ford Crown Victoria police package patrol vehicles and trade in six used vehicles with Tinchner Ford of Plattsmouth, Nebraska for a total cost of \$138,011.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, December 1, 2009.

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Margaret Hornady, Mayor

Attest:

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RaNae Edwards, City Clerk