



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, April 26, 2011

Council Session

Item G16

**#2011-105 - Approving Changes to the 2010/2011 Fee Schedule
Relative to Vehicle Auction Bid Fee**

Staff Contact: Steve Lamken

Council Agenda Memo

From: Steven Lamken, Police Chief
Meeting: April 26, 2011
Subject: Police Vehicle Auction Bid Fees
Item #'s: G-16
Presenter(s): Steven Lamken, Police Chief

Background

The Police Department currently has a bidder's fee of \$15.00 per year for persons wanting to attend and bid on vehicles at the Police Department vehicle auctions. The bid was established to offset the costs of conducting the auction and to limit the number of people having access inside of the Police Department impound lot during the auction. The Police Department wants to change the bidder's fee to a rate of \$10.00 per auction. The change is needed to accommodate bidding being done over the internet as well as live at the auction.

Discussion

The Police Department established a bidder's fee of \$15.00 per year for people wanting to bid on vehicles at the Department auctions. One reason the fee was established was to help offset the costs of registering bidders and conducting the auction. The other purpose was to restrict the number of people who entered the impound lot for the auction to just those with a bid number.

The Police Department has started using an auction service that utilizes an internet proxy bidding service. The auction vehicles are posted on the internet site for interested persons review. This service also allows people from anywhere in the United States to register online and bid on the auction vehicles. The online bidding is done in addition to the live auction of the vehicles at the Police Department impound lot on a specific date.

The use of an auction service, advertizing, and online proxy bidding service proved to be successful in generating higher revenues from our auction vehicles. We had significantly more registered bidders both at the auction and online. An analysis showed that on average the revenues received per vehicle at the auction were double those of vehicles of the sold at our 2010 auctions.

People who are bidding online are required to pay a bidder's fee just as those who are attending the live auction. We need to change our bidder's fee to a per auction cost to accommodate the use of the online auction services. The Department recommends a per auction bidder's fee of \$10.00 be approved. The Department will honor all annual fees previously paid by people at our auction, and who are attending the live auctions until such time as the annual fee expires.

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 amend the fee schedule to provide for a Police Department vehicle auction bidder's fee of \$10.00 per each auction.

Sample Motion

Move to amend the fee schedule and approve a Police Department vehicle auction bidder's fee of \$10.00 per each auction.

Fee Schedule for 2011				
	2008	2009	2010	2011
POLICE DEPARTMENT				
Copy of Reports (see below)	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00
Copy of Records 1-5 pages (for all pages, not each page)	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Copy of Records 6-10 pages (for all pages, not each page)	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00
Copy of Records 11-15 pages (for all pages, not each page)	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00
Bicycle License (one time)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Firearms Permit	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00
Towing Fee - Day	60.00	Actual Cost	Actual Cost	Actual Cost
Towing Fee - Night	80.00	Actual Cost	Actual Cost	Actual Cost
Impoundment Fee for TOWED Vehicle	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00
Storage Fee for Impounded Vehicle (per day)	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
Alcohol Test for DUI (each time)	105.00	105.00	149.15	149.15
Solicitor's Permit (30 day permit) *used to be under Administration	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00
Solicitor's Permit - Application Fee (Nonrefundable)	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00
Street Vendor's Permit - Application Fee (Nonrefundable)	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00
Street Vendor's Permit - 30 days	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00
Street Vendor's Permit - 90 days	60.00	60.00	60.00	60.00
Street Vendor's Permit - 365 days	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00
Parking Ramp Permit Fees:				
Lower Level: "Reserved Monthly"	25.00/month	25.00/month	25.00/month	25.00/month
Middle & Upper levels: "Reserved Monthly"	15.00/month	15.00/month	15.00/month	15.00/month
Downtown Metered Parking			20.00 per 120 to 180 minutes	20.00 per 120 to 180 minutes
Additional 60 minutes or fraction thereof			20.00	20.00
Downtown Express Zone Parking			25.00 per 21 to 40 minutes	25.00 per 21 to 40 minutes
Additional 20 minutes or fraction thereof			25.00	25.00
Police Issued Parking Tickets (tickets issued away from downtown)	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
Parking Ramp Boot Fee	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00
Chamber Lot Parking Fee	10.00/year	10.00/year	10.00/year	50.00/year
Chamber Lot Boot Fee	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00
Vehicle Auction Bid Fee (annual-calendar year)	15.00	15.00	15.00	DELETE
Vehicle Auction Bid Fee (per event)				10.00

RESOLUTION 2011-105

WHEREAS, The Grand Island Police Department has conducted live auctions of vehicles and has assessed a bidders fee of fifteen dollars, \$15.00, per year for persons to be permitted to bid at vehicle auctions and,

WHEREAS, The Police Department has implemented new auction services that include internet online proxy bidding and,

WHEREAS, to be consistent in the treatment of both online and at auction bidders a bidder's fee should be assessed to all bidders, and

WHEREAS, , an annual fee is not an efficient method of assessing a bidder's fee for online proxy bidders, a per auction bidder's fee of ten dollars, \$10.00 per each auction should be adopted

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA, amend the City Fee Schedule to assess a Police Department vehicle auction bidder's fee of \$10.00 per each auction.

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Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, April 26, 2011.

Jay Vavricek, Mayor

Attest:

RaNae Edwards, City Clerk