



# **City of Grand Island**

**Tuesday, September 25, 2012**

**Council Session**

## **Item I6**

**#2012-278 - Consideration of Approving Purchase of 2012 Ford F250 for the Fire Department**

**Staff Contact: Russ Blackburn**

# **Council Agenda Memo**

**From:** Russ Blackburn, Interim Fire Chief

**Meeting:** September 25, 2012

**Subject:** Purchase of 2012 Ford F250

**Item #'s:** I-6

**Presenter(s):** Russ Blackburn, Interim Fire Chief

## **Background**

In the 2011-2012 Capital Budget, the Fire Department had requested \$70,000 for replacement of broken concrete on the approach to Fire Station 3 and the parking lot. A request-for-proposal (RFP) was put together by Public Works and advertised for bids on August 15, 2012. Two bids were received and opened on August 28, 2012. Both bids were over the estimated amount of \$70,000 for the project and both companies were unable to start the project until the fall of 2012 or later.

Since we won't be spending the \$70,000 from the 2011-2012 Capital Budget on this project, we propose to use this money to complete a 2012-2013 Capital Budget goal. In our 2012-2013 Capital Budget request was the replacement of a 2000 Chevrolet Suburban with a new staff vehicle budget request of \$32,000. The Suburban and the new replacement vehicle are used to tow the department trailers during emergency responses and shuttle fire crews when heavier equipment is not needed. We need at least a ¾ ton vehicle to pull the large trailers that are the Command/ Rehab trailer and the Hazardous Materials Team trailer. Because of the limited time from when the RFP for Fire Station 3 concrete did not work out and the end of the 2011-2012 budget year, the only project from the 2012- 2013 Capital Budget that we could get done would be the purchase of a vehicle from State Bid.

## **Discussion**

Anderson Ford of Lincoln, NE has on its lot available for immediate purchase, a 2012 ¾ ton F250 Crew Cab 4x4 that fits exactly what the department needs. They will let us purchase the vehicle at the State Bid price of \$29,985 and an optional pick-up bed topper for the State Bid price of \$1,295. The total purchase price would be \$31,280.

The purchase of this vehicle allows us to accomplish a 2012-2013 budget goal without affecting the 2012-2013 Capital Budget of \$800,000 for the new Fire Chief. This purchase meets a department need and frees up \$32,000 from the possible purchase of a new vehicle in the 2012-2013 Capital Budget.

## **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 2012 F250 pick-up from Anderson Ford of Lincoln, NE for the price of \$31,280 from the 2011-2012 Fire Department Capital Budget.

## **Sample Motion**

Move to approve the purchase of the 2012 F250 pick-up from Anderson Ford of Lincoln, NE for the price of \$31,280 from the 2011- 2012 Fire Department Capital Budget.

RESOLUTION 2012-278

WHEREAS, a 2011-2012 Capital Budget project of concrete replacement at Fire Station 3 cannot be completed within the budget year, and \$70,000 of budget authority will go unused; and

WHEREAS, the Grand Island Fire Department was planning on replacing a 2000 Chevy Suburban in the 2012-2013 budget year with a Ford F250 pick-up; and

WHEREAS, this purchase meets a department need without affecting the 2012-2013 Capital Budget of \$800,000 for 2012-2013, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA, to approve the purchase of the 2012 F250 pick-up from Anderson Ford of Lincoln, NE for the price of \$31,280 from the 2011-2012 Fire Department Capital Budget.

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Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, September 25, 2012.

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Jay Vavricek, Mayor

Attest:

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RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

Approved as to Form	☐ _____
September 21, 2012	☐ City Attorney