



# City of Grand Island

Tuesday, January 14, 2014

Council Session

## Item G-10

**#2014-8 – Approving Purchase of Braun Type III Ambulance**

Staff Contact: Cory Schmidt, Fire Chief

# Council Agenda Memo

**From:** Russ Blackburn, GIFD EMS Division Chief  
**Meeting:** January 14, 2014  
**Subject:** Purchase Braun Type III Ambulance  
**Item #'s:** G-10  
**Presenter(s):** Russ Blackburn, GIFD EMS Division Chief

## Background

The city council approved the purchase of an ambulance in the 2014 budget for a budgeted amount of \$205,000. The Fire Department would like to replace an 18 year old 1995 Ford type III ambulance. That ambulance has 107,660 miles on it and 7372 hours of operation.

We would like to purchase a 2014 Braun Chief XL on a Chevy 4500 chassis for \$199,922 from Braun Manufacturing of Mt. Prospect, Illinois. The ambulance will be purchased through BuyHGAC so it is already pre-bid through them. The ambulance will come with radio wiring already installed, in addition to graphics. These two 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.

## Discussion

The Grand Island Fire Department maintains a fleet of seven ambulances at this time; two ambulances each at Stations 1, 2, and 4, one ambulance at Station 3. Station 1 and 2 ambulances are manned every day to respond to medical calls. If manning allows, a third ambulance is manned at Station 4. If medical calls exceed the number of manned ambulances, every fire truck can break its crew down to man a back-up ambulance. This is possible because every truck has a paramedic on it. During 2013 the highest number of ambulances we had out on calls simultaneously was five. 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.

### **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 2014 Chevy 4500 Type III Braun ambulance for use by the GIFD for emergency service use.

### **Sample Motion**

Move to approve the purchase of the 2014 Chevy 4500 Type III Braun ambulance for use by the GIFD for emergency service use.

RESOLUTION 2014-8

WHEREAS, the City Council approved the purchase of a Braun Chief XL ambulance in the 2014 budget; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Department needs to replace a 1995 ambulance with 107,660 miles to make the fleet of ambulances and emergency response more reliable; and

WHEREAS, Braun Manufacturing of Mt. Prospect, IL has submitted a cost through BuyHGAC for a 2014 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 2014 Braun Chief XL, Chevy 4500 Type III ambulance from Braun Manufacturing of Mt. Prospect, IL for the price of \$199,922.

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Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, January 14, 2014.

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Jay Vavricek, Mayor

Attest:

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RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

Approved as to Form	☒ _____
January 22, 2014	☒ City Attorney