

ACTION FORM BRYAN CITY COUNCIL

DATE OF COUNCIL MEETING: December 2, 2014		DATE SUBMITTED: 11-12-2014	
DEPARTMENT OF ORIGIN: Fire Department		SUBMITTED BY: Randy McGregor	
MEETING TYPE:	CLASSIFICATION:	ORDINANCE:	STRATEGIC INITIATIVE:
<input type="checkbox"/> BCD	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC HEARING	<input type="checkbox"/> 1ST READING	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC SAFETY
<input type="checkbox"/> SPECIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSENT	<input type="checkbox"/> 2ND READING	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SERVICE
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<input type="checkbox"/> WORKSHOP	<input type="checkbox"/> REGULAR		<input type="checkbox"/> INFRASTRUCTURE
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> QUALITY OF LIFE
AGENDA ITEM DESCRIPTION: Consider approving the purchase of two (2) refurbished ambulances from Frazer, Limited (Houston, TX) and one (1) Chevrolet Suburban from Caldwell Country Chevrolet (Caldwell, TX) for a total purchase price for all three of \$390,942.			
SUMMARY STATEMENT: The Fire Department is respectfully requesting City Council approval to allow the purchase of two (2) refurbished ambulances from Frazer, Limited, through the Houston Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) Texas Local Government Purchasing Cooperative and one (1) Chevrolet Suburban (for use as a fire department pool vehicle) from Caldwell Country Chevrolet through the Texas Buyboard Cooperative. The total purchase price for all three vehicles is \$390,942 including all necessary equipment and accessories with delivery to the City of Bryan.			
The specific vehicle costs are:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Frazer Type I Ambulance: \$178,125 • Frazer Type I Ambulance: \$171,800 • Chevrolet Suburban: \$41,017 			
The price difference between the two Frazer Type I Ambulances is due to some equipment needed for replacement instead of re-use. If possible, equipment from the current ambulances is removed from the ambulance being replaced and installed on the new ambulance. When removing and installing is not possible, new equipment is purchased.			
STAFF ANALYSIS AND RECOMMENDATION: By purchasing the ambulances and the pool vehicle, public safety will be enhanced by maintaining a safe and reliable fleet of ambulances and response vehicles including necessary essential equipment.			
The two ambulances will be refurbished units using the current modular patient compartments mounted to new vehicle chassis. Each used patient compartment is completely stripped and refurbished with new floors, walls, ceilings, and storage cabinets. By reusing the patient compartments and not purchasing new ones, the City will save approximately \$50,000 on each ambulance. At the time of the quote, each vehicle is examined and the cost is determined by the condition of the patient compartment. The cost to refurbish one ambulance will be \$171,800 and the other will be \$178,125.			
The Chevrolet Suburban will be utilized for transportation of personnel for training, supplies/equipment during large incidents, and other fire department business and situations. The cost of the vehicle will be \$41,017.			

If approved, this purchase results in the expenditure of public funds. However, if the vehicles are not purchased, older unreliable apparatus will need to be kept in use, including one ambulance that is currently requiring a new complete transmission. Keeping and using older equipment could compromise paramedic safety and effective emergency response to the citizens of Bryan. Staff recommends approving the purchase of the new vehicles. Both ambulances will replace older ones and will ensure safe and reliable apparatus for emergency responses. When a new ambulance is purchased, an older one is removed from the fleet. The newer ambulances are in use every day and the older ones are in reserve status, to be used when others are not available or during large scale incidents. By regularly replacing these vehicles and rotating out the older worn vehicles, a safe and reliable fleet is maintained.

OPTIONS (In Suggested Order of Staff Preference):

1. Approve the purchase of the new vehicles.
2. Do not approve purchase and maintain older vehicles.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Frazer Quote 8987C (PDF)
2. Frazer Quote 8988C (PDF)
3. Caldwell Country Buyboard Quote 430-13 (PDF)

FUNDING SOURCE: General Fund (Fire Department as budgeted)

APPROVALS: Hugh R. Walker, 11/12/2014

APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL: CITY MANAGER Kean Register, 11/14/2014

APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL: CITY ATTORNEY