

## ACTION FORM BRYAN CITY COUNCIL

<b>DATE OF COUNCIL MEETING:</b> August 25, 2015		<b>DATE SUBMITTED:</b> August 7, 2015	
<b>DEPARTMENT OF ORIGIN:</b> Fire Department		<b>SUBMITTED BY:</b> R. McGregor	
<b>MEETING TYPE:</b>	<b>CLASSIFICATION:</b>	<b>ORDINANCE:</b>	<b>STRATEGIC INITIATIVE:</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> BCD	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC HEARING	<input type="checkbox"/> 1ST READING	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC SAFETY
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<input type="checkbox"/> WORKSHOP	<input type="checkbox"/> REGULAR		<input type="checkbox"/> INFRASTRUCTURE
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> QUALITY OF LIFE
<b>AGENDA ITEM DESCRIPTION:</b> Consider authorizing a three year contract with Bryan Emergency Physicians, for Medical Control and Continuing Education for Bryan Fire Department EMS and Brazos County 911 Priority Medical dispatch, in a not to exceed annual amount of \$80,000.00 during the contract period.			
<b>SUMMARY STATEMENT:</b> Through the proposed contract, Bryan Emergency Physicians, located in Bryan, Texas, will provide Medical Control and Continuing Education for Bryan Fire Department EMS and Brazos County 911 Priority Medical dispatch. This three year contract will cover FY16 thru FY18 with automatic annual appropriations during that period. Bryan Emergency Physicians will provide the Bryan Fire Department with Medical Director Services and medical protocols; providing clinical oversight for EMS/pre-hospital treatment and transport of the sick or injured.			
<p>EMS System personnel can only practice under the auspices of a currently practicing and licensed physician as required and specified by the State Department of Health Services of Texas. [Rule157.11 Requirements for an EMS Provider License, 22 Texas Administrative Code, Part 9, Texas Medical Board, Chapter 197, and in compliance with Title 3 of the Texas Occupations Code. Medical Direction/On-line &amp; Off-line Medical Control (K) Declaration of medical director and a copy of the signed contract or agreement with a physician who is currently licensed in the State of Texas, in good standing with the Texas Medical Board, in compliance Texas Medical Board Rules, particularly regarding Emergency Medical Services as outlined in the aforementioned Rule and Chapter.]</p> <p>The contract will allow the Bryan Fire Department to continue to provide ambulance services to the City of Bryan and Brazos County. The annual expenditures specified within this contract will be a “not to exceed” amount of \$80,000.00 and paid on a monthly basis. Bryan Emergency Physicians was originally awarded the EMS medical direction contract effective October 1, 2012. Bryan Emergency Physicians continues to provide excellent medical direction and continuing education services to the City.</p>			
<b>STAFF ANALYSIS AND RECOMMENDATION:</b> The proposed contract allows for cost savings and meets the State Department of Health Services of Texas requirements. With this contract, the Bryan Fire Department can continue providing ambulance services to the citizens of Bryan and Brazos County without hiring additional personnel. In addition Bryan Emergency Physicians meets the City’s requirements for: 1) On-line & Off-line Medical Control for EMS; 2) Medical Direction for 911 Priority Medical Dispatch (strong affiliation and background with Emergency Communication Systems like EMD); 3)Provides monthly Continuing Education and Instructors who teach on site; 4) Develops evidence based treatment guideline/protocols (i.e. “American Heart Association” ACLS, PALS, etc.); and 5) Supports local health initiatives with the Brazos Valley RAC.			
If the contract is not approved, a required State of Texas mandate will not be met and the citizens of Bryan and Brazos County will be at risk of medical legal liabilities. Medical Control is required for the City’s EMS system as outlined in State of Texas under the 22 Texas Administrative Codes, Chapter 197, Title 3. Staff recommends			

approval of a three year contract with Bryan Emergency Physicians in a “not to exceed” amount of \$80,000.00 annually.

**OPTIONS (In Suggested Order of Staff Preference):**

1. Approve the 3 year contract with Bryan Emergency Physicians in a “not to exceed” amount of \$80,000.00 annually.
2. Do not approve contract with Bryan Emergency Physicians and hire additional personal with necessary qualifications and accreditations.

**ATTACHMENTS:** (both in pdf attachment)

1. Contract with Bryan Emergency Physicians
2. Bid Summary Sheet

**FUNDING SOURCE:** General Fund (these costs are part of budgeted costs within the Fire Department’s budget)

**APPROVALS:** Randy McGregor; Hugh R. Walker, 08/09/2015

**APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL: CITY MANAGER**

**APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL: CITY ATTORNEY**

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