



To: Mayor Keil and Council Members
City Manager Doug Faseler

From: Dale Skinner, Fire Chief

Date: September 29, 2015

Re: Ambulance Chassis Remount

The Fire Department was approved by Council to remount an existing ambulance on a new chassis utilizing capital funds during FY 2015. The amount budgeted for this project is \$125,000.00.

The Fire Department formed an ambulance specification committee to ensure that the remount is upgraded, functional and meets the needs of our medical personnel. The committee worked with the ambulance manufacturer to make improvements to the ambulance while remaining fiscally responsible. The committee recommends the remount of a Fazer Type I Ambulance on a Ford F-350 diesel chassis. The upgrades and options chosen for this ambulance are similar to those found on our current fleet, which includes trading-in the existing 2009 Dodge chassis. The price for remount is \$94,425.00.

The budgeted amount also includes the purchase of a Stryker PowerPro stretcher. With the PowerPro stretcher, lifting patients will require little physical exertion. The stretcher utilizes a 24 volt battery with a hydraulic lifting mechanism. The result is a totally unassisted lifting capacity of 700 lbs. Furthermore, the power stretcher will drastically reduce the propensity for firefighter back injuries. The cost of the PowerPro stretcher and mounting hardware is approximately \$13,000.00. The purchase price also includes the addition of two portable radios at a cost not to exceed \$14,000. These radios will allow for communications with mutual aid partners as well as state and federal agencies.

Staff is recommending remounting an existing Frazer Type I ambulance on a Ford F-350 chassis through the Austin Buyboard cooperative purchasing agreement utilizing Sterling McCall Ford, as the dealer, for the amount of \$94,425.00. Staff also recommends using the remaining \$30,575.00 of the fund towards the purchase of a PowerPro stretcher and two Motorola Apex 7000 portable radios.

Attached is the quote from Frazer Ambulance for your consideration. Staff is available to answer any questions you have regarding this matter.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Skinner', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Dale Skinner
Fire Chief