

Narrative

February 21, 2023



RESOLUTION - AMBULANCE REPLACEMENT

The Alliance Fire Department, in 2008, developed an ambulance replacement program that considered national standards and fiscal restraint. The fire department's ambulance replacement plan was five years of front-line service and five years of reserve/backup service, starting with the new ambulance purchase in 2010. In the Ambulance 2022-2023 capital budget, we have requested \$300,000 for the ambulance replacement under G.L 01-37-



Replacing Ambulance 314, 2010 Ford E450 Life Line Ambulance.

38-59-960, Capital Outlay-Vehicles. This purchase will allow the fire department to put the apparatus replacement program into motion. We have shown due diligence in the budgeting process and pushed the program's start two years after the original plan. Fire Chief Shoemaker has taken advantage of submitting an EMS Ambulance and Equipment Grant Application with the Nebraska DHHS EMS Program after permission was granted by City Manager Sorensen. Fire Chief Shoemaker submitted the grant application for funding assistance for Nebraska Licensed Emergency Medical Service (EMS) agencies using American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to purchase an ambulance and equipment.

The grant application required an estimate of the cost of the ambulance replacement. Fire Chief Shoemaker reached out to the dealer of the two currently City owned ambulances to obtain that quotation so that it could be uploaded as part of the grant application process. The Alliance Fire Dept. – City of Alliance received an email confirmation from Nebraska DHHS EMS Trauma Program on February 6, 2023, that we have been awarded \$75,000 to go towards the purchase of an ambulance following the grant guidelines. The email also stated we must send an email by February 28, 2023, saying we would like to move forward with the agreement.

Fire Chief Shoemaker is requesting permission from Council to move forward with the purchase of a 2024 Ford F450 4x4 Diesel Chassis Life Line Ambulance from Rocky Mountain Emergency Vehicles of Denver, CO. The initial amount quoted was \$281,827, however, final pricing won't be quoted until the time of order due to manufacturers not releasing their new prices. By ordering now, it will allow us to get into the ambulance production schedule, knowing the supply chain issues and the potential lengthy delivery period. The City would follow suit with the Alliance Rural Fire District, which has already started the ordering process for its ambulance replacement.

RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE RESOLUTION TO PURCHASE A NEW AMBULANCE AND ACCEPT GRANT FUNDING TO GO TOWARDS THE PURCHASE.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-14

WHEREAS, The City of Alliance provides ambulance services to the citizens and visitors of our community; and

WHEREAS, Funding has been budgeted this fiscal year for the replacement of our 2010 Ford E450 Life Line Ambulance; and

WHEREAS, There is a desire to maintain the same ambulance standard specifications of our fleet and that of the Alliance Rural Fire Protection District for the ease of operation and training of our department members; and

WHEREAS, Staff received two quotes, with Rocky Mountain Emergency Vehicles of Denver, CO being the lower quote of Two Hundred Eighty-one Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty-seven Dollars and No/100ths (\$281,827); and

WHEREAS, Staff also submitted a grant application with The Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services Division of Public Health and has been selected to receive Seventy-five Thousand Dollars and No/100ths (\$75,000) towards the purchase of a new ambulance; and

WHEREAS, Final pricing will not be available until time of order due to the chassis manufacturer not releasing pricing; and

WHEREAS, The purchase has been included in the 2022-23 budget, Ambulance Capital Outlay-Vehicles Account No. 01-37-38-59-960 with total funding available being Three Hundred Thousand Dollars and No/100ths (\$300,000); and

WHEREAS, Council believes it to be in the best interest of the City to move forward with the purchase of a new ambulance from Rocky Mountain Emergency Vehicles of Denver, CO and accept the grant funding from The Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services Division of Public Health.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and City Council of Alliance, Nebraska, that the purchase of a 2024 Lifeline Ambulance from Rocky Mountain Emergency Vehicles of Denver, Colorado be accepted, with a total purchase amount not to exceed Three Hundred Thousand Dollars and No/100ths (\$300,000).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, The Seventy-five Thousand Dollars and No/100ths (\$75,000) grant funding from The Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services Division of Public Health is hereby accepted and the Mayor has authority to sign and accept the grant documents.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 21st day of February, 2023.

Mike Dafney, Mayor

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Attest: _____
Recording Secretary

Approved as to Form and Legality:

Simmons Olsen Law Office, Legal Counsel