



## CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

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**TO:** Matthew R. Schmitz, MPA - City Manager

**FROM:** Blake Hayward – Fire Chief

**DATE OF MEETING:** July 14, 2025

**ITEM TITLE:** Extrication Tool - Authorization for Purchase

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### **BACKGROUND:**

Independence Fire has spent the last month reviewing extrication tools and getting to demo several options. We have chosen to move forward with Hurst Extrication from Macqueen.

### **DISCUSSION:**

Per City Policy, Council permission is needed for any purchase over \$50,000. Below you will see the attached quote, which exceeds \$50,000, requiring council permission to proceed.

### **RESULTS:**

The City has established priorities during strategic planning sessions. This item supports the Vision from that session of supporting high-quality City services and supporting and enhancing City infrastructure. This item helps achieve that vision by:

- **Supporting high-quality City services:** Providing firefighters with modern, efficient, and reliable extrication tools directly improves their ability to perform high-risk, high-demand rescue operations. New equipment reduces physical strain, speeds up rescue efforts, and increases overall safety for both firefighters and victims. Equipping personnel with the right tools demonstrates a commitment to their health, safety, and operational success, ensuring they feel supported and valued in their roles.
- **Supporting and enhancing City infrastructure:** Emergency response equipment is a critical component of the City's public safety infrastructure. Upgrading outdated extrication tools strengthens the Fire Department's operational readiness and ensures that our rescue capabilities meet today's technical demands. These enhancements also reduce maintenance downtime and improve interoperability with mutual aid partners.

By investing in this equipment, the City is not only improving emergency response but also fulfilling its vision of building a stronger, more capable, and resilient community service infrastructure."

### **FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION:**

Funding for this project will come from two local grants: \$20,000 from the Black Hawk County Gaming Association, \$10,000 from the Buchanan County Community Foundation, and fundraising efforts from the Independence Fire Rescue Association.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends a motion to authorize the City Manager to move forward with the purchase of extrication tools for the Independence Fire Department.