

To: Mayor Olson and City Council Members

From: Chief Ryan Lind

Re: Reserve Fund Transfer for Ambulance Cot

Date: 3/11/2022

Mayor and Council Members, I am requesting a transfer of \$ 11,724.30 from the Fire Department Reserve Account to our expense budget to pay for an unexpected large purchase.

Funds will be used to replace the current power cot in the 2006 ambulance. This cot was manufactured in 2006, and purchased new with this ambulance. During inspection one of the main cross members had significant structural damage resulting from a hydraulic line failure inside the cross member tube. The service tech stated that he was unable to complete this type of repair in the field, and that the damage would require the unit to be sent to the factory for a full rebuild, and testing.

Upon learning of this damage, this cot, and subsequently ambulance was pulled from front line status to reserve status until a replacement could be located. The cost of repair was estimated at \$9000. Working with our partners at Stryker, we were able to located a dealer demo cot with full warranty for 40% off of retail price. This cot will provide many years of service, and last the life time of the ambulance that it will be placed in.

Pulling this ambulance and cot out of service was immediate once the damage was found to reduce the chance of injury to our members, or a patient. We were fortunate to have a service contract and schedule that identified this issue, prior to an injury taking place, which may have resulted in a claim for damages from the patient or family.

Thank you for your consideration on this matter. I am happy to answer any question you may have.