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Memo

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City Council Members,

I present and recommend to you today a proposal for the remounting/refurbish of Ambulance 5 (2011 F-450 Braun Ambulance).

Ambulance 5 was the used ambulance wisely purchased by the Two Rivers Fire Department (with city council approval) in winter of 2021 for \$50,000. This unit was intended to serve for two years and then be remounted due to cost savings and non-availability of new chassis for ambulance vehicles at that time.

When an ambulance is remounted the rear shell or “box” of the vehicle is kept and all the internal systems (electrical, heating, cooling, ect) are refurbished/upgraded and then placed on a new chassis therefore creating a “like-new” vehicle. The remount process is considerably more affordable then purchasing an all-new constructed vehicle. The current remounted ambulance bid is \$188,000 including color change and upgrades.

Current all-new construction ambulances are selling for \$300,000 plus with similar wait times as a remounted version.

In anticipation to needing a new ambulance the Two Rivers Fire Department requested assistance in grant form from the state of Wisconsin. We are happy to report that a grant in the amount of \$60,000 was provided to assist in the remount procedure. The grant amount could be used as a “down payment” this year and the remainder of the capital expenditure of \$128,000 would be paid in 2024.

I am requesting approval from the council to sign the purchase agreement with North Central/Braun Ambulance for a remount of Ambulance 5 with down payment of \$60,000 from the Wisconsin state grant this year and the remainder to be paid in 2024 through capital expenditure.

Respectfully

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