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**FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Gregg Mandsager, City Administrator  
Fran Donelson, Administrative Secretary

FROM: Jerry Ewers, Fire Chief

DATE: July 31, 2017

SUBJECT: City Council Agenda Item – Ambulance Purchase

**INTRODUCTION:**

Request to purchase a new 2018 Ford Medix Ambulance from Foster Coach. As part of the FY 17/18 budget, the City Council approved \$155,000 to purchase a new ambulance.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Muscatine Fire Department presently has five ambulances in our fleet and this purchase was approved to replace Squad #351. The ambulance being replaced is a 2009 E-450 Type III Ambulance chassis with a module (ambulance box) that was manufactured in 2000. This unit has been refurbished once before and now needs to be replaced. Presently Squad #351 has roughly 157,000 miles. Build time is estimated to be 287 days. Foster Coach submitted the low bid that met bid specifications in the amount of \$154,740, which includes the trade-in price for the refurbished Squad #351 Ambulance. We had \$ 155,000 budgeted for this purchase.

**RECOMMENDATION/RATIONALE:**

Request authorization to issue a purchase order to Foster Coach for one 2018 Ford E-450 Medix Ambulance in the amount of \$ 154,740. The budgeted amount for this ambulance purchase is \$155,000.

**ATTACHMENT:**

List of vendors and bids.



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**BID LIST**

BIDS OPENED ON JULY 21, 2017

**2018 FORD E450 AMBULANCE**

BIDS:

1. Foster Coach	Medix Ambulance	\$154,740
2. Krieger's	Ford Chassis only	\$ 32,500 (did not meet spec)
3. Fire Safety USA	McCoy Miller Ambulance	\$156,249

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