

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Tim Malchow, EMS Chief

SUBJECT: Purchase 2019 Road Rescue

DATE: August 6, 2019

BACKGROUND

Cannon Falls Ambulance has put together specs for a new ambulance that meets the ambulance service's needs over the expected service life of this ambulance. The new ambulance is designed to closely match the other ambulances in order to keep things consistent. Build time is approximately 180 days from the day the order is accepted.

Ford is not going to make the chassis we use in 2020 and reveal a new chassis design with a new motor and transmission in 2021. Historically, the first generation motors and transmissions are plagued with problems. We want to avoid these problems by ordering now while there are still 2019 chassis available for purchase and have the reliability that we are accustomed too.

If approved tonight we will save an additional \$5,000 from the factory due to production slow down and an additional \$6,000 from a mandatory price increase in January. We would not pay for the ambulance until the budget year 2020. The ambulance is in the capital plan for replacement in 2020 and we currently have funds available for purchase.

REQUESTED COUNCIL ACTION

Request a motion to approve a purchase of a 2019 Road Rescue Ambulance not to exceed the cost of \$195,000.00.