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HIAWATHA FIRE-RESCUE

MEMORANDUM

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR, CITY COUNCIL

FROM: FIRE CHIEF MIKE NESSLAGE

SUBJECT: PURCHASE OF FIREFIGHTER PROTECTIVE GEAR

DATE: NOVEMBER 28, 2018

On the agenda is a request to purchase seven (7) sets of firefighting protective gear. This is a continuation of the request for quotes we issued in the spring. During the bid process we request that the quote be valid through the end of the year, so that we can use it across budget years and lock in a low price. We requested quotes from three companies: Sandry Fire Supply, Heiman Fire Equipment and Dinges Fire Company. We received two quotes back with Sandry Fire Supply declining to send back a quote.

The quotes that received were very competitive and came back as follows:

Company	Brand	Total per set
Dinges Fire Company	Cairns Globe	$2,295.00
Heiman Fire Equipment	Janesville Lion	$2,388.00
Sandry Fire Supply		No Bid

The seven (7) sets will be used to outfit members that are currently wearing gear that was not custom measured for them. Outfitting members with custom fitted gear allows them to work in gear that is specifically measured and sized for them. Wearing gear that is sized specific for a firefighter increases their safety and reduces fatigue. This also allows us to invest back into our members allowing them to train and operate in gear that is specifically made for them.

We recommend that we purchase the Cairns Globe brand turnout gear from Dinges Fire Equipment. They are the low bidder. They will come and measure our firefighters within the week and delivery of the gear should be around 45 days.

Total cost of the purchase of the nine sets would be $16,065. The cost of new turnout gear is budgeted yearly in the Clothing Allowance portion of the Fire budget. This order would be taken from that account.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

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RESOLUTION NO. 18-
City Council

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FIRE DEPARTMENT PURCHASE OF NINE (9) SETS OF FIREFIGHTER TURNOUT PROTECTIVE GEAR

WHEREAS, The Hiawatha Fire Department has a need for the purchase of seven (7) sets of Fire Fighter Turnout Gear to outfit members that currently do not have custom fitted gear or gear that is due to be replaced or retired, and

WHEREAS, The Hiawatha Fire Department received three (3) bids and after review recommends the responsive responsible bid of Dingus Fire Company as follows:

Company	Brand	Total per set	Total Bid
Dingus Fire Company	Cairns Globe	$2,295.00	$16,065.00

, and

WHEREAS, funding for the purchase of seven (7) sets of Fire Fighter Turnout Protective Gear is available in the Fire Department Clothing and Allowance Budget in an amount not to exceed $16,065.00, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HIAWATHA, IOWA to authorize the purchase of seven (7) sets of firefighter turnout protective gear at a total cost not to exceed $16,065.00, with Dingus Fire Company.

AYES:
NAYS:
ABSENT:

PASSED AND APPROVED this 5th day of December, 2018.

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Bill Bennett, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Kari Graber, Deputy Clerk