

Special Meeting
April 9, 1986

Council members present: King, Schiebel, Reece, Lutes
Others present: Steve Metge, Dave Brown, Jerry Vinton, Mike Moehrl,
Dorothy Scott, John McNair, Rick Penning & Bill Marten

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 P.M. at the Conrad Fire Station by Mayor Bill Gearhart.

The purpose of the meeting was to hear proposals by Mike Moehrl of Racom, Marshalltown and Bill Marten of Radio Communications, Waterloo for paging systems for the Conrad and Beaman Fire Departments.

Moehrl explained a system using the GE MVP base and 35 pagers for 10,792. There is a one year warranty on the pagers and 14 months on the base, which is a 4 frequency capacity unit. He stated the advantage of the MVP system was that only one unit is necessary because it also acts as a repeater.

He said the MVP has a steel case and transistorized heavy duty microphone, is a real work horse type unit and should last 12 - 15 years as a base station.

Moehrl stated the price of an encoder, not included in his proposal, would be an additional 350.

Bill Marten presented a proposal for 35 pagers and a base using two Phoenix radios, one acting as a transmitter for 12,575, with a one year warranty and 90 days on parts and labor.

He explained the GE Phoenix is a new radio, being in production only four years and is a synthesized, computer type unit. A frequency can be reprogramed in a matter of 15 minutes, so would be easier and faster to repair than ordering crystals for an MVP.

Marten stated that he knew of sixty other Phoenix units in use within a thirty mile radius of Grundy Center but no other system like the one proposed using the two Phoenix radios and he stated "if the system doesn't work, you don't own it".

He quoted a price of 250 to 300 installed for another encoder.

Rick Penning stated that he thought the fire departments were losing use of the base by putting it at the water tower in Beaman.

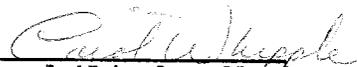
There was some question as to the MVP still being manufactured. Metge stated he had called GE at Lynchburg, VA. He reported the source there stated the MVP was too high priced for the market and the Phoenix was being made as an alternative. He stated the MVP was not coming back on the market.

The council stated that a decision would be made at the regular meeting on April 14th.

In other business, Gearhart asked the council to look at the concrete in the alley between the pharmacy and the telephone company before Monday night. It is bad there and as long as the phone company is taking a portion of it out he thought this might be a good time to replace that section.

Motion to adjourn by Reece, second by Schiebel. Carried.


Bill Gearhart, Mayor

Attest: 
Carol Whipple, Clerk