



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, November 18, 2003

Council Session

Item G17

#2003-344 - Approving Request to Move Forward with Implementation of Canine Unit

The Grand Island Police Department is seeking approval to move forward with the implementation of a police canine unit. As outlined during the October 21st study session, the canine unit would consist of two animals and their handlers. The handlers and their animals would be assigned to the patrol division working shifts that correspond with calls for service that most require a K-9 response. Training for the officers and the animals will be completed at the Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center starting in January of 2004 at no cost to the city. The Grand Island Police Department has received approximately \$5,500 in donations designated for start-up costs for the K-9 unit. The start-up costs for the animals, shelters, kennels, vehicle conversion, veterinarian, food, muzzles and leashes is estimated at \$15,000. The approval of the K-9 unit does not require hiring additional manpower, purchase of vehicles, nor does it require additional monies to be budgeted for the present fiscal year.

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R E S O L U T I O N 2003-344

WHEREAS, at the City Council Study Session on October 21, 2003, the Police Department provided a presentation on the proposed police canine unit which would consist of two animals and their handlers; and

WHEREAS, at this time the police department is seeking approval for the implementation of such canine unit; and

WHEREAS, training for the officers and handlers will be completed at the Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center at no cost to the city; and

WHEREAS, the start-up costs for the animals, shelters, kennels, vehicle conversion, veterinarian, food, muzzles, and leashes is estimated at \$15,000, and approximately \$5,500 has been donated so far to cover such expenses; and

WHEREAS, no further funds are required to be budgeted for the present fiscal year for the implementation of such police canine unit; and

WHEREAS, it is recommended that such police canine unit be authorized and approved.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA, that the police canine unit consisting of two animals and their handlers is hereby authorized and approved.

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Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, November 18, 2003.

RaNae Edwards, City Clerk