

City of Scottsbluff, Nebraska

Monday, December 15, 2014

Regular Meeting

Item Reports2

Council to consider the purchase of new patrol cars for the Police Department.

Staff Contact: Kevin Spencer, Police Chief

Agenda Statement

Item No.

For meeting of: December 15, 2014

AGENDA TITLE: 2 marked patrol units, 1 unmarked patrol unit

SUBMITTED BY DEPARTMENT/ORGANIZATION: Police Department

PRESENTATION BY: Rick Kuckkahn, City Manager and Kevin E. Spencer, Chief of Police

SUMMARY EXPLANATION: The police department has been approved to purchase 2 new marked patrol units this budget cycle. The department now has a need to replace an unmarked unit. We have a plan to replace a marked patrol unit that was lost in a pursuit in March of this year, replace the marked unit as planned and then replace the unmarked unit, using a combination of public safety funds and insurance money. If approved, this will save over 22,000 dollars in public safety funds.

BOARD/COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION:

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Approval

EXHIBITS

Resolution: ☐ Ordinance ☐ Contract ☐ Minutes ☐ Plan/Map ☐

Other (specify) Memorandum/proposal to replace 2 marked and 1 unmarked patrol units.

NOTIFICATION LIST: Yes ☐ No ☐ Further Instructions ☐

APPROVAL FOR SUBMITTAL: _____
City Manager

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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Mayor and members of the City Council

FROM: Kevin E. Spencer, Chief of Police

DATE: December 10, 2014

TOPIC: 2014/2015 Patrol Cars, Replacement of unmarked patrol car.

The police department has been approved to spend ninety-thousand dollars out of Public Safety Funds to replace two marked patrol units during the 2014/2015 budget cycle. The needs of the department have changed somewhat as we now need to replace two marked patrol units and one unmarked unit. As you know we are yet to replace the 2014 marked patrol that was lost in the pursuit accident in March of this year. The need for the unmarked unit arose when an officer hit a deer on his way back from the academy in November, the unmarked car was a total loss. Our insurance paid just under twenty four thousand for the marked patrol unit and two thousand for the unmarked. In 2012 the insurance company paid ten thousand on the same unmarked unit due to hail damage it was never repaired.

My proposal is to replace the wrecked marked patrol unit with a new 2014 Dodge Charger that we found in Lincoln that was left over from last year's state bid. We can purchase this car at a discounted rate and all of our equipment is certain to fit. This can be paid for, if agreed to, with the insurance monies and some public safety funds. The other marked patrol unit will be replaced as planned and approved with public safety funds. I'm asking for approval to pay for the unmarked car with a combination of available insurance money and public safety funds.

Replacement of the 2014 wrecked patrol unit:

New 2014 Dodge Charger	25247
Door wraps and Decals	750
Total	25997
Insurance Monies	(23944)
Public Safety Funds Used	2053

2015 Marked patrol unit replacement:

Public Safety Funds used	34873
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This price includes new equipment. The manufacturer is telling us our old equipment will not fit due to body modifications we will attempt to install our equipment but may have to purchase new.

Replacement of the unmarked unit:

2015 Ford Fusion (low state bid)	17800
Equipment plus installation	4510
Total	22310
Insurance monies	(12000)
Public Safety Funds	10310

Total projected Public Safety Funds: 47,236

Replacing the cars this way will mean that we only take one old marked patrol car out of service. In checking the conditions of the marked patrol units we should be able to do this without experiencing extreme or unusual maintenance cost. Replacing the cars this way will save us several thousand dollars of public safety funds.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin E Spencer
Chief of Police