

STAFF REPORT

DATE: September 25, 2023

TO: Governing Body

FROM: Chief Darrell Atteberry

RE: Police Vehicle Purchase



BACKGROUND:

AGENDA ITEM DESCRIPTION: The City of Bel Aire Police Department seeks a change in approval from purchase two 2022 Ford Police Utility Explorers to the purchase of two 2023 Dodge Durango Police vehicles.

The police department is budgeted through the Equipment Replacement Fund to purchase patrol vehicles. The police department last ordered vehicles in October 2021. The vehicles took about 10 months to arrive. Because of the delays in delivery, the police department is behind in vehicle replacement. We were recently informed by Ford that the vehicles we got put on a waiting list for were delayed for an unknown period of time. Then, the United Auto Workers, UAW, went on strike. The delivery date is uncertain, but would likely be in 2024 if at all.

Through our vehicle upfitter, TCS, we were presented the opportunity to acquire two Dodge Durango Police vehicles. TCS located the two vehicles in Arkansas and placed a hold on them for the Bel Aire Police Department. The vehicles are to be delivered to Wichita by mid-October. The price for the Dodge Durango Police vehicles is \$43,335 each. There is an additional estimated \$14,400 in upfitting costs to each vehicle. The amount is estimated because we will be able to use some equipment from the decommissioned vehicles can be used in the new vehicles.

BACKGROUND HISTORY: The City of Bel Aire Police Department maintains a fleet of seven patrol vehicles. All are fully-marked patrol vehicles equipped with audio/visual recording devices, radios, emergency lighting, weapons, and six have prisoner transport systems. There are additional small items for traffic control and working cases in the field.

As the vehicles gain mileage, the cost to maintain the vehicles increases. In an effort to balance out the mileage of the vehicles, the police department efforts to move the vehicles around on the shifts. This helps balance out the mileage according to the age of the vehicles.

As vehicles near the end of their police patrol life cycle, which is around 80,000 miles, they require more maintenance. It is a challenge to keep the vehicles in operation even with regular maintenance when the vehicles go beyond 80,000 miles. As an example, the police department has a 2017 Ford Explorer that has over 110,000 miles and a 2017 Ford Explorer that is close to 80,000 miles. Both vehicles are having transmission problems that require repair. The cost to repair the transmissions is estimated at over \$12,000. The vehicles need to be removed from the fleet.

There is no concern about abuse of the equipment. Police patrol vehicles are often used around the clock, on city streets, country roads, and often off-road to accomplish the policing purpose. These are not family transport vehicles.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

2022 Ford Explorer Police Utility SUV w/Freight	\$43,926 each - Cancelled!
Equipment Install, Labor	\$14,407 each
Total	\$58,333 each
2023 Dodge Durango Police	\$43,335 each
Equipment Install, Labor	\$14,400 each
	\$57,735 each

Even though the Dodge Durango Police are a year newer than the Ford Explorer Police Utility SUV, the cost difference is minimal. Additionally, the Dodges are attainable. The total estimated total cost for both vehicles, equipment and labor is \$115,470.

Just as with the Ford Explorer Police Utility vehicles, the purchase of the Dodge Durango Police vehicles will be through the Equipment Replacement Fund.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of the purchase of the Dodge Durango Police vehicles and the necessary upfitting of equipment and labor costs estimated to be \$115,470.