



City of Independence
City Council
MEMORANDUM

TO: Matthew R. Schmitz, MPA - City Manager
FROM: David Niedert – Chief of Police
DATE OF MEETING: September 11, 2023
SUBJECT: Disposal of City Property (Police Dog)

BACKGROUND:

After numerous attempts to overcome some environmental issues, our current K9 Hondo is going to be phased out. As with any tool the department has, we need our K9 to work the way it is supposed to.

DISCUSSION:

Mid-Michigan K9 is replacing the dog for free, and we are going to sell this animal to Guardian K9, which is owned by Jessica Honey for \$1 – fair market value in our opinion since he does not meet the needs of our department.

RESULTS:

The City has established priorities during strategic planning sessions. This item supports the Vision from that session of Support and Empower Workforce and Engaging and Catalyzing Community. This item helps achieve that vision by providing an adequate K9 for our handler, and by obtaining a K9 that helps do outreach with the community.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION:

Costs for the transportation and disposal of the K9 will be funded from the K9 line item in the Police Department budget.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends a motion to approve the sale of the current Police Dog to Jessica Honey, owner of Guardian K9 in the amount of \$1.00.