



CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

TO: Matthew R. Schmitz, MPA - City Manager

FROM: David Niedert – Chief of Police

DATE OF MEETING: March 10, 2025

ITEM TITLE: Disposal of City Property (Police Dog)

BACKGROUND:

Due to the resignation of the K9 handler from the Police Department, the K9 program is being discontinued.

DISCUSSION:

With the discontinuation of the K9 program, we have been looking at options for K9 Viper, and have determined that selling the dog through Blue Line K9 in Rushford, MN to another Police or Sheriff's Department is the appropriate path forward. This allows the City to release liability for the dog and is the most appropriate way to move the dog from the City to another department.

Staff would also like to provide any remaining K9 equipment to the Buchanan County Sheriff's Department.

RESULTS:

The City has established priorities during strategic planning sessions. This item supports the Vision from that session of Support and Empower Workforce. This item helps achieve that vision by ending the program and allowing the K9 to be placed with another department so that he may continue to work.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION:

The police department's K9 line item will fund the costs of transportation and disposal of the K9.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends a motion to authorize the City Manager to sell the K9 and provide any remaining K9 equipment to the Buchanan County Sheriff's K9 program.