



## CITY OF MARSHALL AGENDA ITEM REPORT

<b>Meeting Date:</b>	Tuesday, October 22, 2019
<b>Category:</b>	NEW BUSINESS
<b>Type:</b>	ACTION
<b>Subject:</b>	Implementation of Body-Worn Cameras for the Marshall Police Department
<b>Background Information:</b>	<p>Body-Worn Cameras (BWC) are designed to capture evidence arising from police-citizen encounters. The City of Marshall has had discussions about the promise body-worn cameras bring to increasing transparency and accountability within our community. Other aspects discussed off-line with city leadership have included discussion of the costs involved in implementing a BWC program including purchasing hardware, software, data storage costs, preparing data for release and future independent audits of the BWC program.</p> <p>Police department personnel believe we can successfully implement the BWC program in-terms of staffing, policy, responding to data requests and support from police officers. The current squad car video system utilizes the Watch Guard System and software which has been reliable and performed well for many years. The body camera system recommended from Watch Guard will seamlessly combine our current video system with the BWC system proposed below.</p> <p>Under Minnesota Statute (MS 609.5315) property that has been subject to forfeiture has been sold and the proceeds placed into reserves to supplement the agency's operation in law enforcement. The police department's request is that revenues in the Forfeiture Fund be utilized for the costs associated with the BWC program and equipment.</p> <p>A detailed copy of the proposal from Watch Guard outlining the required equipment will be attached to this request. The total dollar amount requested to purchase needed equipment that should meet our needs for many years to come is \$49,750.00. Installation of needed equipment in the eight squad cars is \$1,200.00</p> <p>Although we realize the significant commitment and cost associated with the implementation of a BWC program, police personnel are encouraged that BWC's will provide more convincing proof for use in criminal cases and evidence for protecting officers against false claims of wrongdoing.</p>
<b>Fiscal Impact:</b>	<b>\$50,950.00</b>
<b>Alternative/ Variations:</b>	
<b>Recommendations:</b>	Approve the implementation of the Body-Worn Camera program for the Marshall Police Department and purchase of equipment for <b>\$50,950.00</b> .