

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY SHEET

City of Rollingwood

Meeting Date: June 16, 2021

Submitted By:

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Agenda Item:

Discussion and possible action on a Resolution authorizing the execution of a financing agreement for the purpose of procuring vehicles and related equipment.

Description:

On May 10th, Officer Taylor, (who is also a mechanic), noted severe shifting issues with unit #04 and advised us not to drive it until it could be looked at. We had it towed to our mechanic. The estimate to repair unit #04 is \$5378. This 2014 high mileage vehicle has already cost us \$5263 in maintenance and repairs this year. That is over half of our maintenance budget for FY20/21 that is intended for all 4 vehicles. We have already gone over budget on our vehicle maintenance for this fiscal year and are operating in the red. Mr. Jordan, the mechanic notes in his e-mail other potential issues with the air bag that are not a part of the transmission quote.

Given the age and condition of this vehicle, I do not recommend sinking further moneys into it. Unit #04 will likely continue to be unreliable and prone to repairs. Unit # 03, a 2012 Tahoe and even older vehicle is approaching a decade of service. It has over a hundred thousand miles and over 12,700 engine hours (421,888 Estimated Miles by Engine Hours) and is also costing the city significant ongoing repair costs.

The time to secure funds after signing with the finance company is a month. The turnaround time to replace a police car can be 4-5 months at best to over a year depending if police interceptors are already on the lot and how many other agencies placed orders ahead of us.

Being down one car and having several other older vehicles with reliability issues and with ACL, July 4th and other events approaching, I notified the RPD/council liaisons, Buck Shapiro, and Amy Pattillo of this critical information. I was advised not to repair unit #04 and that a special meeting should be called to bring the rest of the council up to speed on the state of the fleet. A Special Meeting held on May 27th provided the entire council and the public this information.

Action Requested:

I respectfully request that the city replace at least two police vehicles utilizing a financing agreement for the purpose of procuring vehicles and related equipment.

Fiscal Impacts:

There would be no impact on the current FY20/21 budget as payments are deferred a year from signing.

If two Police cars (approx. \$77,000 each fully equipped totaling \$154,000) are financed for 5 years at a 3.39% interest rate, there would be a payment of \$34,001.94 per year for the 5 year term. This would allow us to lock in not only the current low interest rate, but the current price of vehicles and equipment which continue to increase.

It should be considered that if new cars are purchased:

- The maintenance budget could be reduced by \$3000 to \$5000 thousand each year if we purchase new fully warranted vehicles. If we retain these older cars, the maintenance budget will have to increase substantially.
- A \$5378 transmission repair for unit #04 will not be required.
- The current Coban dash cameras are past the end of life and are currently unsupported by Coban. We have been buying spare parts from e-bay to keep them going. We will need to replace them (approximately \$8,365 per camera system per car totaling \$16,730 for two). There would be no need to purchase and pay to install this new equipment in old cars since new cameras would be included in the price of a new police car.
- The current car radios are approaching end of life and will not be supported by Motorola next year. We will need to replace them (approximately \$5000 per radio totaling \$10,000 for two). There would be no need to purchase and pay to install them in the old vehicles as new radios are included in the price of a new police car.
- The city would have reliable cars for officers to attend out of town training and could save approx. \$800 to \$1000 a year in milage reimbursement to officers currently forced to use their own cars.
- The city would also receive some money for the sale/auction of the decommissioned vehicles.

These considerations could mean that the annual expense of two new cars could be offset by thousands of dollars a year.

Attachments:

1. E-mail and repair quote from mechanic Aubrey Jordan regarding Unit #04.
2. Quote to finance 2 Police vehicles
3. Resolution authorizing the execution of a financing agreement for the purpose of procuring vehicles and related equipment.
4. Motorola Radio Quote
5. Coban Dash Cam system Quote
6. Coban Body Cam Quote
7. Vehicle with Equipment Quote
8. Itemized Equipment Quote