



REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Title: Patrol K-9 quote and purchase

Preferred Agenda: February 14, 2023

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Reviewed By: Kelcey Young, City Manager

Type of Action: Resolution ____ Motion X Roll Call ____ Other ____

Relevant Code/Policy: SHMC 9.20.020 Unnecessary Noise

Towards Council Goal: Goal 2: BE AN EFFECTIVE AND EFFICIENT GOVERNMENT

1. Update and streamline processes.
2. Develop continuity in planning and permitting processes.
3. Invest in long-term staff stability and training.
4. Develop transparency in all communication.
5. Continue to implement financial “best” practices.
6. Employ sound technology to maximize efficiency.

Attachments: Tarheel Canine Training, Inc. Quote

Purpose of this RCA:

Council decision and approval of Tarheel Canine Training quote.

Background/Context:

The Sweet Home Police Department has had a successful K-9 program for several years. However, with the retirement of narcotic detection K-9 Gemma in August 2022, the department has been researching a replacement and has decided to implement a patrol K-9 program. The goal is to invest in a high-quality dog backed by a lifetime guarantee, and the department has narrowed down its choices to three different businesses with the help of other law enforcement agencies in Oregon. It's worth mentioning that the department currently has approximately \$19,000 in donations from the public in its K-9 fund.

The Challenge/Problem:

The challenge or problem associated with this request has to do with getting the highest quality dog possible from a reputable business at a reasonable cost. The three businesses we have quotes from are the following:

1. Alderhorst International - \$12,930
2. Tarheel Canine Training – \$14,345 or (if paid in full there is a 5% discount which would adjust the total to \$13,627).
3. Golden Gate Canine - \$20,000

We respectfully request council's approval for the Sweet Home Police Department to purchase our K-9 through Tarheel Canine Training, which would cost approximately \$697 more than our lowest quote from Alderhorst International. Tarheel Canine Training offers a lifetime guarantee of the dog if kept in good health, which the other two companies do not offer. Furthermore, Tarheel Canine Training is highly recommended by other Oregon law enforcement agencies, including the Bend Police Department, which has already purchased three dogs from them in the past year and plans on getting at least one more this year. The Bend Police Department has expressed their satisfaction with the quality of dogs from Tarheel Canine Training.

Stakeholders:

- Community – Communication is vital for transparency and public involvement.
- Police Department Staff – There is a need for a new patrol K-9
- Council – Council support for purchasing our K-9 through Tarheel Canine Training

Issues and Financial Impacts:

The cost to purchase a patrol K-9 would be \$13,627. This comes from donations that we have received from the public for the K-9 program.

Elements of a Stable Solution:

A stable solution includes purchasing a dog through a reputable source that will allow us to continue our program to provide the highest level of police services to our community.

Options:

1. Approve police department staff to purchase a patrol K-9 from Tarheel Canine Training.
2. Deny the request.
3. Direct staff to research other ways to accomplish the same goal.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends option #1 – Approve staff to purchase a patrol K-9 from Tarheel Canine Training.