

## **Special Council Meeting minutes, February 8, 2024**

Council President, Dennis Stephenson called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm

Council attending: A. Stevens, J. Tranberg, P. Syverson, C. Ekern, D. Stephenson, Chief K. Johnson, Clerk/Treasurer D. Fremstad

Meeting posted at 4:15 pm on 2/7/2024 in 3 public places and city website

**Motion by C. Ekern to approve the agenda, 2<sup>nd</sup> by P. Syverson. Discussion: none. Vote: Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.**

No public comment.

Police Chief Kent Johnson requested a special meeting due to state bids for 2025 squad cars opening today. This is for a Ford Explorer Eco-Boost. He stated that bids could close today as well, it's a short window. Kent had an estimate from Thin Line Outfitters for \$13,155.72 to outfit the squad; this doesn't include a light bar, control switch, or bumper, side marker, and grill lights. Other expenses include laptop computer, Axon squad camera, radar system, control rifle. A second squad is needed because there are too many times where Kent is responding to instances from home and it is ridiculous to come back and get the squad car. Kent has been called by dispatch several times because there are no deputies in the area or there is a deputy shortage. If the squad goes down, we have nothing to use. Kent has made stops out of the city utility vehicle, but it is not outfitted to be a squad. The squads would be put on a 3-year rotational schedule each. The vehicles will of course have more mileage when traded in. Kent is requesting around \$46,000-\$51,000 for the vehicle. The total cost would be around \$70,000-\$75,000. This does not include storage, gas, insurance, tires, and other maintenance. Kent will also use the police department revenue for the extras on the squad.

**Motion C. Ekern to approve purchase of 2<sup>nd</sup> squad and outfitting of squad for up to \$75,000.00 with money coming from CIP and general fund, 2<sup>nd</sup> by A. Stevens. Discussion: none. Roll vote: A. Stevens-yes, J. Tranberg-yes, P. Syverson-yes, C. Ekern-yes, D. Stephenson-yes. Motion carried.**

**Motion by J. Tranberg to adjourn at 5:41 pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> by P. Syverson. Discussion: none. Vote: Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.**

Debra Fremstad, Clerk/Treasurer