

## EMERGENCY SERVICES

November 2, 2015

### MEMBERS

Chairman Burtle  
Alderman Jones  
Alderman Heberling  
Alderman Moore

### ALSO PRESENT

Mayor Brotherton	Alan Jackson
Police Chief Herpstreith	Bill Newberry
Alderman Vota	Derek Dunn
Alderman Walters	Shirley Sams
Alderman Budd	
Alderman Dorchinecz	

Chairman Burtle called the meeting to order at 6:45 P.M.

### AWARD BID TO PURCHASE ONE PATROL VEHICLE

Police Chief Herpstreith advised this vehicle purchase is a replacement for the 2008 Ford Crown Victoria that was totaled in an accident on September 5<sup>th</sup>. There was discussion regarding where the funds were going to come from since this car was not included in the budget. Chief Herpstreith was asked what would happen if this purchase doesn't get approval; he explained the two new Officers would be driving the old vehicles that are already in need of repairs. Chief Herpstreith advised the two new vehicles already approved are in the FY 2015/2016 Budget, and one new was to be purchased with CIEG reimbursements when the State releases the funds. If this purchase is approved the Department will still be down one vehicle. He was asked how many loans the Department currently has for cars. Currently there is a loan for the four 2015 Ford Interceptor Utilities, payment 1 of 4 was paid in October; this is now the only outstanding loan for patrol vehicles. If they take out a loan for this purchase, the first payment won't be due for a year.

Alderman Heberling stated given the circumstances with the State holding funds that the City uses for budgeting he's not sure this is a good time to purchase another car. He asked the Chief if he was sure he would receive the CIEG Grant money for this purchase, he advised he was informed by a Lieutenant of the Task Force that the City will receive these funds. He also advised when the two new vehicles (which approved at the October 19<sup>th</sup> City Council Committee Meeting.) come in the two 2007 Durango's are being traded in; the trade in value for the two is \$3,300.00 which will be applied towards the purchase price. He also stated the amount from the insurance company for the 2008 Ford Crown Victoria which is approximately \$6,000.00 will be put towards this purchase. (After the \$1,000.00 deductible, the City received checks in the amount of \$6,271.00 for the car and \$681.20 for the equipment).

Alderman Moore asked if the detective cars are used for patrolling; they are not as Chief Herpstreith drives one and the detective drives one. These cars are standard vehicles; they are not equipped to be patrol cars.

There was more discussion regarding whether or not to proceed with this purchase or to keep the Durango's running. Alderman Jones stated one of the Durango's is in need of front end work which is going to cost approximately \$4,000.00. The Committee and Aldermen in attendance agreed it would be better to purchase a new vehicle rather than spending more on the old. Chief Herpstreith was asked that if the funds from the CIEG Grant were not received is he willing to cut other items that were in the budget. He said absolutely, there was money budgeted for building renovations and a new copier that could wait. He advised if the car is not purchased now the deadline to lock in the price of \$28,225.00 is November 30, 15, after this date he has been informed the cost is increasing between \$1,500.00 - \$2,000.00. Alderman Walters advised that is correct and he will not support spending more money for repairs. Alderman Budd, Chairman of the Finance Committee, agreed stating the bottom line is the vehicle will have to be replaced at some time.

Chief Herpstreith advised Treasurer Nation was in favor of adding this vehicle to the loan with the other two vehicles since the State is holding funds and hopefully in a year the State's budget will have things back to normal.

Motion by Alderman Jones and seconded by Alderman Heberling to recommend to the City Council to allow Police Chief Herpstreith to purchase one 2016 Ford Interceptor Utility all-wheel drive vehicle from Bob Ridings, Inc. at a cost of \$28,225.00, the only bid received. Motion carried 3-1.

Alderman Vota stated there is a need for radar patrol and asked if the Department is doing patrols; he was advised yes, they were at Northwestern and West Spresser today.

Motion by Alderman Moore and seconded by Alderman Jones to adjourn. Motion carried 4-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:03 P.M.

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Shawn Burtle, Chairman  
Emergency Services Committee