

Finance Committee Meeting Tuesday 11.21.2023

The meeting commenced at 2055 hrs.

Committee members in attendance: Chairman David W. Voss, John Hardig, and Brian Smyth. Lindsey Jones was excused due to being on vacation.

Other council members in attendance: Kathleen Zech, Amy Richter, and Stefanie Hawk.

City officials: Mayor Sam Keller and President of Council Kerry Smyth and Police Chief Jeff Patton.

Others: None

Agenda: To address a request from the police department to purchase body cameras for officers, replace tasers that are coming up on their guaranteed use by the manufacturer, and to purchase a drone. The bundle price for the three items is \$ 264,989.33. The police department proposed paying for the total purchase over a five-year period.

Discussion: Chief Patton made a thorough presentation relative the use of body worn cameras becoming a necessity for police officers. The current tasers are at the end of their useful life and require replacements. Drones are being requested to be used for major incidents, e.g., robberies, burglaries et cetera. Drones can also monitor the neighborhoods during the night season to cut down on thefts from vehicles.

The aforementioned items will be acquired through Axon Enterprises at a bundle price of \$264,989.33 to be paid over a five-year period. In addition, the bundle price includes replacement of the body worn cameras two times during the five-year purchase agreement. All taser duty cartridges and rechargeable internal batteries are covered in the bundle price. The drone includes the pilot licenses needed for officers to be certified, two batteries for each officer, and replacement parts when needed during the five-year period. The package includes all training material for all three items over the course of five years. There will be unlimited video storage in the cost for the body cameras and drones, with time stamps and logs over the course of five years.

Funding for the bundle package will be from the Criminal Acts Forfeiture Fund and any grants that become available. A grant application for \$93,000.00 has been submitted to the State of Ohio for the body worn cameras.

Payment dates are as follows.

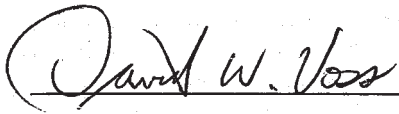
Tasers and cameras – Jan. 2024 @ \$54,293.77, Jan. 2025 @ \$37,842.21, Jan. 2026 @ \$39,355.89, Jan. 2027 @ \$40,930.13 and Jan 2028 @ \$42,567.33.

Drones – Jan 2024 @ \$16,694.00, Jan. 2025 @ \$8326.50, Jan. 2026 @ \$8326.50, Jan. 2027 @ \$8326.50, and Jan. 2028 @ \$8326.50.

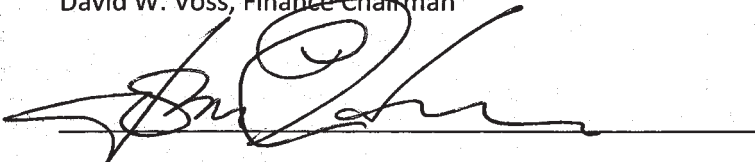
Grand Total \$264,989.33.

The meeting concluded at 2136 hrs.

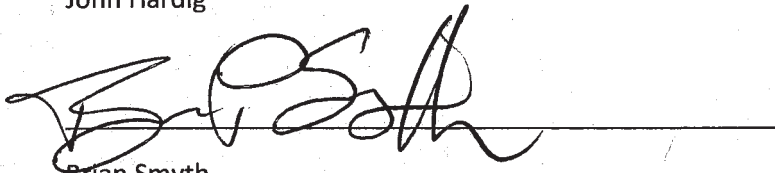
Respectfully submitted,



David W. Voss, Finance Chairman



John Hardig



Brian Smyth