

Mayor David Sims called the special council meeting of September 6, 2018 to order at 5:00 pm. Present for the meeting were: Council President Rick Alonzo, Council Members Adam Arthur, Valerie Thompson, and Ron Smith. Also present were: Police Chief Brian Zimmerman, Jimmy Dorhofer and Clerk/Treasurer Christine McNair.

Police Chief Brian Zimmerman said he is not happy with the pickups the department has for patrol vehicles. The pickups do not have cages, so prisoners cannot be transported safely. Mayor Sims asked how many miles are on the pickups. Brian said about 130,000. Brian is hoping to auction the pickups with a minimum bid of \$7500 and a minimum bid of \$2000 for the white 2002 Tahoe. ISP has a 2014 Ford Explorer and a 2013 Tahoe for \$17,000 for both vehicles. The only things the needed for the newer vehicles will be radios and graphics. In addition to the two vehicles from ISP, Brian wants to purchase a brand new Tahoe using money from the DARE account. Ron asked if the old equipment will be used in the new vehicles. Brian said the new vehicles only need radios. Mayor Sims asked how many miles are on the existing SRO vehicle. Ron asked if the vehicles will be purchased during this fiscal year or the next fiscal year. Brian said there should be extra money from the sale of the pickups and the purchase of the newer vehicles from ISP. Brian said at the end of fiscal year 2019, there will be approximately \$10,000 remaining in the DARE account after purchasing a brand new Tahoe for the SRO officer. There has not been a vehicle purchased from the DARE account since 2011. Mayor Sims asked if there are any guidelines for disposing of a vehicle that has been purchased from ISP. Brian said there is not.

Valerie asked if there are any issues expending all of the funds in the DARE account. Mayor Sims said it might be better to wait until the end of this fiscal year and confirm with Kris that there are not any reasons why a new vehicle cannot be purchased out of the DARE account. Mayor Sims said the newer vehicles can be purchased from ISP and two of the pickups and the Tahoe can still be auctioned. Rick said by doing that it will pretty much be a wash. Adam asked when the vehicles will be auctioned. Jimmy said he is working on getting the auction items ready.

Jimmy asked if the pickups can go to a different department or do they have to be auctioned. Adam asked if the Street department needs one. Jimmy said they do. Brian said the pickups are good, just not what the police department needs.

Ron asked what the difference is between buying an outside vehicle or one from another department. Mayor Sims said we can set the price on the one from another department. Mayor Sims asked if there is another vehicle that can be used if the blue pickup dies. Jimmy said there is. Mayor Sims said Council can authorize the purchase of the two ISP vehicles tonight and decide which pickups to auction at another Council meeting.

Rick moved to authorize the Police department to purchase two SUVs from ISP for a total cost of \$17,000. Ron seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor. Ron – yes, Rick – yes, Valerie – yes, Adam – yes.

Brian said he didn't think about how difficult it was going to be to trade phones during the shift change. He said dispatch is unsure which officer has which phone when they are on

duty. Brian said it is a risk to use a personal cell phone for police business, because it could be used in a court case. He would like to have a City cell phone assigned to every officer, instead of trading phones every shift. Ron asked if an officer leaves will the phone be returned to the department. Brian said it will, it is a City owned phone.

Ron moved to approve the purchase of three additional cell phones for the police department. Rick seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor. Ron – yes, Rick – yes, Valerie – yes, Adam – yes.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:49 pm.