


MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 12, 2020
TO: Mayor White & City Council
VIA: Cindy Karch, City Secretary
FROM: Dusty Cook, Police Captain 
SUBJECT: Acceptance and approval of grant resolution for new in car computer hardware and software.

Council Meeting Agenda Item for June 22, 2020

Background Information:

The police department currently runs mobile laptop computers/printers in our patrol units. Those computers run the CopSync software program in which we use for real time law enforcement information and citation/warning writing on traffic enforcement.

The current laptops and printers are currently going over 5 years of usage. They have begun to require more and more maintenance, requiring more down time and more man hours.

Also the current hardware is locked into the patrol units with docking stations and base mounts. Those also are becoming unusable due to normal wear and tear. We have no warranties on any of this equipment, requiring money to be spent when one needs to be replaced or repaired. The current docking stations are no longer manufactured so we had had a very hard time finding replacements when one becomes dysfunctional. They are very costly when one can be located costing upwards of \$600 to \$900 each. We are on the verge of no longer being able to find them. We currently are piecing them together as we can to make them last. We have had to replace two of these units and have had to repair two of these units.

Basically the hardware we currently run is outdated and on the verge of being unreplaceable.

This grant will be for us to replace all existing in car hardware, including new bases and docking stations. The current laptops will be replaced with tablets and a permanently mounted keyboard with new locking devices. Our existing printers will be replaced with an updated version of the same printers we currently run.

We will have a 3 year no fault replacement warranty for the tablets, meaning if they are damaged in ANY way they will be replaced free of charged no questions asked.

Peacemaker software will come with these units meaning it will allow Officers to video conference with citizens if needed pending COVID-19. CopSync software will also be preinstalled upon delivery.

We also anticipate installing and running our current Records Management System (CrimeStar) on these tablets. This will allow officers to complete reports in a timelier manner while in the field keeping them from having to physically be inside the police department. This will obviously allow our officers to be more visible and available to the citizens of Mineola.

This grant includes full installation by Peacemaker Technologies as well.

Recommendation:

It is the recommendation of the police department that the council accept and approve the grant resolution for this new hardware and software.

Final Disposition:

RESOLUTION 20-06-22-1

WHEREAS, The City of Mineola finds it in the best interest of the citizens of Mineola, that the Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding (CESF) Program be operated for 2020; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mineola agrees to provide **NO MATCH** for the said project as required by the Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding (CESF) Program grant application; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mineola agrees that in the event of loss or misuse of the Office of the Governor funds, the City of Mineola assures that the funds will be returned to the Office of the Governor in full.

WHEREAS, the City of Mineola designates Kevin White, Mayor as the grantee's authorized official. The authorized official is given the power to apply for, accept, reject, alter or terminate the grant on behalf of the applicant agency.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Mineola approves submission of the grant application for the CESF Program to the Office of the Governor.

Signed by:

Kevin White, Mayor

Date

Passed and Approved this 22nd of June, 2020

ATTESTED BY:

Cindy Karch, City Secretary

Grant Number: 4171701