

MUSCATINE POLICE DEPARTMENT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Gregg Mandsager, City Administrator

FROM: Brett Talkington, Chief of Police

SUBJECT: City Council Agenda Item for Squad Car/SUV Purchase

DATE: 09-26-2014

INTRODUCTION:

The Police Department sent out bids to 11 different vendors throughout Iowa for Five (5) Police Patrol Vehicles. There were four bids that were turned in. The Police Department would like to purchase four (4) squad cars this year and one (1) Sport Utility Vehicle (Chevy Tahoe). The reason for this is that we are looking for an alternative since the squad cars are getting smaller and we are required to have more equipment in the passenger compartment making it more difficult for officers to be comfortable in their daily patrol duties. We would like to purchase an SUV to see the difference between maintenance costs and gas costs for a two year period to reevaluate what we purchase in the future. There is \$183,000 budgeted for this purchase.

BACKGROUND:

The Police Department annually replaces at least Five (5) Police Patrol Vehicles every other year. The Police Department would like to purchase four (4) Ford Police Interceptor squad cars and one (1) Sport Utility Vehicle (Chevy Tahoe). The older line squads will be filtered down to be utilized by School Resource Officers, K9, and other city departments.

RECOMMENDATION/RATIONALE:

The Police Department requests we purchase the Four (4) Police Patrol Vehicles (Ford Police Interceptors) from Krieger's. Krieger's bid is **less than 2% higher** than Dahl Ford of Davenport. Krieger's bid \$25,350 per squad car. The total cost for the squads will be \$101,400 not including the change over cost.

There were three bids turned in for the squad cars. One from Dahl Ford in Davenport was \$25,050 per squad or \$100,200. The other bid was from Ed Stivers Ford of Waukegan was \$25,514 per squad or a total of \$102,056.

The Police Department requests we purchase One (1) Sport Utility Vehicle (SUV) from Karl Chevrolet of Ankeny. The total cost to purchase One (1) Sport Utility Vehicle from Karl Chevrolet is 32,831.26.

There were three bids turned in for the Sport Utility Vehicle. One from Dahl Ford in Davenport that did not meet specifications and the other from Krieger's of Muscatine. Krieger's bid was **5.4% higher** than that of Karl Chevrolet. That bid was \$34,688.21.

If council decides that they do not want to purchase a SUV, we request that we purchase the "regular" five (5) police interceptor squads.

Total costs comparisons

Purchase price of four (4) Ford Police interceptor squad cars from Krieger's Motors and one (1) Sport utility vehicle Chevy Tahoe from Karl Chevrolet would be \$134,231.26.

Purchase price of (5) Ford Police interceptor squad cars from Krieger's Motors would be \$126,750.

This is a difference of \$7421.26 more money if we were to purchase the SUV as well.

Bids

Kriegers \$25,350 per squad
\$101,400 for four (4) squads
\$126,750 for five (5) squads

Sport utility vehicle \$34,688.21

Karl Chevrolet (NO SQUAD BID)

Sport utility vehicle \$32,831.26

Dahl Ford \$25,050 per squad
\$100,200 for four (4) squads
\$125,250 for five (5) squads

Sport utility vehicle **(DID NOT MEET SPECS)**
(Engine did not meet specs of at least a 5.0 Liter)

Stivers Ford \$25,514 per squad
\$102,056 for four (4) squads
\$127,570 for five (5) squads

Sport utility vehicle **(NO SUV BID)**