

TO: Mayor Robinson and City Council

FROM: Jeffrey L. McCormick, Chief of Police

SUBJECT: Replacement of Squad Car computers

DATE: February 28, 2014

BACKGROUND

The State is requiring all computers that access the secure Criminal Justice Information System (CJIS) Network to be upgraded to at least Windows 7 operation system, and the FBI is requiring hard-drive encryption. Both of these requirements need to be met by May. This requires the current laptops to be upgraded, however they are four years old and the expense of the upgrades is not a wise direction to go for the age of the computers. During the 2014 budget process the City Council directed that a portion of the reserve funds should be spent on capital purchases and the squad laptop were one of the purchases approved.

Mike Gesme and I have been working to obtain costs for this purchase. During that process we talked with Goodhue County and Red Wing about making a seeking a joint quote to get the best prices possible to save money for all. The quote is for a Panasonic Toughbook model 31, which is the newer version of the model 29 that we have. We selected the Panasonic because it can be used with our existing docking platform, which provides significant savings. The cost for each of the three computers would be \$4370, which has a total savings of over \$1900 from the pricing we got alone for a slightly different configuration. Mike and I felt that because of the cost savings that going with that configuration made sense and that we would just get the items needed to use the laptops for e-charging and e-DWI processing as plug in accessory items.

Because the computers purchased would be part of the combined purchase, Goodhue County IT will configure and set them up for use on the mobile network which is also a time savings for us in not having to have Mike take care of that.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Mike and I recommend that we purchase three (3) Panasonic Model 31 computers from CDW-G as specified by the Goodhue County quote for a total cost of \$13,110 using the General Fund reserve as approved during the budget planning.

REQUESTED COUNCIL ACTION

Motion and approval to purchase three (3) Panasonic Model 31 Laptop computers from CDW-G using the General Fund reserves for this capital purchase.