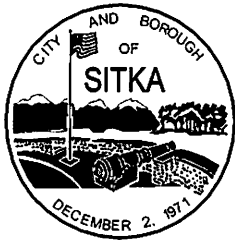


POSSIBLE MOTION

I MOVE TO approve Ordinance 2018-16 on
second and final reading.



City and Borough of Sitka

100 Lincoln Street • Sitka, Alaska 99835

MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor Hunter and Assembly Members
Keith Brady, Municipal Administrator

From: Chief Jeff Ankerfelt and Chief Dave Miller

Date: April 17, 2018

Subject: Approval of Request to Purchase Safety Equipment

Background

The violent encounters that Police and EMS professionals face today is very different than it was a decade ago. The proliferation of high powered, high capacity rifles and their proven ability to kill and wound large numbers of people in seconds have made them the weapon of choice for violent offenders. As the number and frequency of mass shootings of innocents and attacks on Police Officers has grown, we have learned that traditional body armor systems that are designed to stop handgun bullets are no longer considered adequate.

Analysis

It is now recognized as a best practice to issue rifle grade armor and ballistic helmets to police officers and EMS personnel. These systems dramatically improve the survivability of public safety personnel when responding to violent encounters like active shooters or any type of call involving persons determined to kill others. With the lessons learned from other tragedies, it is also considered a best practice to adequately arm and equip the first responders that will immediately put themselves in harm's way to stop the violent offender(s) and to rescue the wounded. The police department also seeks to equip our rifles with optics that allow for the precision engagement of the violent offender(s) at a greater distance.

Fiscal Note

The items sought were midlevel in price point and features. Three bids were acquired for each item. Below are the lowest bids.

RIFLE ARMOR AND HELMETS

25 Units NIJ-level IIIA High Cut Ballistic Helmet, \$395.00 per unit

Total \$9,875.00*

25 Units Level IV Ballistic Steel Plates and Carriers, \$415.38 per unit

Total \$10,384.50

AR15 OPTIC WITH MOUNT

17 Units Vortex Eagle 1-6x24 rifle scope with mount, \$437.98 per unit

Total \$7,445.66*

Total cost \$27,705.16*

*does not include shipping

Recommendation

The Police and Fire Department request approval and the funds to equip 17 Police Officers and 8 Fire personnel with upgraded protective gear. In FY18 the Police Department employed fewer employees than budgeted. It is possible that some of the unspent personnel monies could be reallocated to purchase this equipment.



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MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor Hunter and Assembly Members
Keith Brady, Municipal Administrator

From: Bryan Bertacchi, Electric Utility Director

Date: April 17, 2018

Subject: Approval of Dump Trailer

Executive Summary –

The Electric Department small “dump” trailer is used primarily for moving construction debris or waste products to the recycle center or the transfer station. The existing trailer is over 40 years old and has severe rust rendering it unsafe to haul (see pics). The dump trailer was included in the sinking fund inventory but color coded as “Missing on Finance”. Therefore, it was not being effectively managed by the existing vehicle sinking fund process. As it was a hazard, a replacement trailer was procured at a cost of \$7220 and it was expensed against the existing approved budget line item for “tools”. Finance has since independently determined that an appropriation should be sought from the Assembly. Again, the trailer has already been procured however an appropriation adjustment is sought to comply with the determination of the finance department.



Alternative Analysis -

Costs could be significantly reduced and Operations could be significantly improved by separating the Electric Department vehicles and Heavy Equipment from the CBS general sinking fund and including them as normal capital expenditures of the Electric Department. **As the 1.25x bond covenant applies to all expenses it is likely true that this could reduce electric rates by approximately \$50,000 per year.** In FY19 a total of twenty-five percent of the \$196,845 (of the \$304,597 vehicle line item) equal to \$49,211 could be reduced from our bond covenant rate requirement in FY19. Also a similar amount could be reduced from our rate requirement in FY18 (and for every year going forward). This could be very important in FY18 as a means to reduce the potential for a year-end transfer from the General Fund to the Electric Enterprise fund in order to meet the bond covenant.

Additionally, the existing funds in the sinking fund attributable to the electric enterprise fund could be transferred back to the electric enterprise fund providing additional liquidity and emergency funding if necessary. Further, delaying procurement of vehicles or heavy equipment has little benefit to the electric department in the current system. Managing the procurement of vehicles or equipment within the Electric Enterprise fund provides an opportunity to delay procurement which results in lowering rates or allowing for replacement capital projects which benefit the community.

Compliance with existing procurement process including standardization of vehicles and useful life would be continued. With this change, likely vehicles and heavy equipment would become an independent capital line item within the Electric Department annual budget allowing for improved economic planning.