

**TOWN OF PRESCOTT VALLEY
REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

Date: June 9, 2016

SUBJECT: Taser Lease - Purchase

SUBMITTING DEPARTMENT: Police Department

PREPARED BY: James Edelstein, Deputy Chief

AGENDA LOCATION: Comments/Communications , Consent , Work/Study ,
New Business , Public Hearing , Second Reading

ATTACHMENTS: a) Taser contract
b) Asset management contract

SUMMARY/BACKGROUND: In 2005, the Prescott Valley Police Department (PVPD) began purchasing the Taser electronic control device weapon (ECDW). Over several years the Department has been able to purchase (either through grant funds or donations from the Prescott Valley Police Foundation) enough ECDW to supply all operational personnel with the devices.

The Taser ECDW is deployed by PVPD personnel against suspects who are either resisting arrest through more than passive means, or who are in the process of committing a crime that justifies their use. An ECDW may be used to obtain voluntary compliance by display only, drive stun or dart mode. In display mode, the ECDW is displayed (with or without electronic arc) and the target is advised that continued resistance will result in deployment. In drive stun mode, the ECDW sends an electronic pulse into the target that affects a pain response. In dart mode, two small darts are deployed into the target. The electronic pulse runs between the darts and causes momentary muscular lock up. Generally, use of the ECDW results in compliance by display only. In situations where display is not possible due to an imminent threat, and drive stun or dart mode are used the target is generally taken into custody with minimal or no injury to the target or Officer.

The Department's current inventory of Taser ECDW's has exceeded its lifespan. Several units have failed, and several technological advances in the batteries, electronic pulse and record keeping lead staff to recommend replacement of the current inventory. The total amount of ECDW necessary for the Department, including spares, is 80. The Department purchased eight (8) earlier this fiscal year.

For a number of reasons, PVPD is proposing to acquire the remaining 72 under the Taser Assurance Program (TAP). TAP allows PVPD to pay for the purchase now and guarantee replacement in five (5) years (including any new technological advances available in the newer models) by locking the price at the current quoted price of \$140,305.94. TAP also allows for coverage of the inventory under warranty without additional charges (a \$15,000 value). PVPD is also proposing to enter into a Lease-Purchase agreement through Municipal Asset Management, Inc. (MAGT). MAGT finances the purchase of items routinely purchased by government entities like ECDW, vehicles, copy machines, etc. The cost of financing would be \$12,587.24. Thus, the total purchase price for the 72 ECDW (plus 72 replacement ECDW in approximately five years) would be \$152,893.15.

The Prescott Valley Police Foundation (PVPF) has offered \$8,178.63 toward this purchase immediately, and PVPD has \$22,400.00 in budgeted funds left over from this fiscal year which may be applied. The

PVPF has also offered additional funds in the upcoming fiscal year(s) to make payments to MAGT. The Department is grateful to PVPF for its efforts in raise the funds that go towards purchase of such safety equipment for officers.

[Note: the Legal Dept continues to be in discussions with Taser about the final form of the purchase agreement. Because PVPD desires to use funds remaining from the current fiscal year, PVPD is asking the Council to approve this purchase with the understanding that Legal Dept and PVPD staff will make the final decision whether to go ahead with the purchase agreement based on whether the ongoing discussions are successful.

OPTIONS ANALYSIS: The Council may vote to:

- 1.) approve the contracts with Taser and Municipal Asset Management, Inc. and subsequent payment in the amount of \$22,400.00, and total contract of \$152,893.15, **OR**
- 2.) decline to approve the contracts with Taser and Municipal Asset Management, Inc. and subsequent payment in the amount of \$22,400.00, and total contract of \$152,893.15, **AND/OR**
- 3.) direct staff to pursue other options.

ACTION OPTION: Motion to approve the related contacts with Taser and MAGT for Lease-Purchase of 72 ECDW through TAP, OR Motion not to approve these contracts to Lease-Purchase these ECDW. **VOTE.**

RECOMMENDATION: Town staff recommends approval of these contracts with Taser and MAGT as proposed.

FISCAL ANALYSIS: PVPD budgeted funds and PVPF donations will cover the first year's payment. Subsequent years' payments are expected to be made by combination of PVPD budget, PVPF donations, and grant funds.

REVIEWED BY:

Management Services Director _____

Town Clerk _____

Town Attorney _____

Town Manager _____

COUNCIL ACTION:

Approved Denied Tabled/Deferred Assigned to _____