

**TOWN OF PRESCOTT VALLEY
REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION
Date: June 23, 2016**

SUBJECT: Taser Contract and Taser Purchase over \$16,000

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 was able to purchase, either through grant or donation 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 is an electronic device that can be used as a means of 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 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 Department inventory. The total amount of ECDW necessary for the Department, including spares, is 80. The Department had to purchase eight (8) earlier this fiscal year to account for failed inventory and new hires. The remaining 72 are quoted at \$140,305.94 under the Taser Assurance Program (TAP).

TAP allows the Department to pay for the purchase of the initial 72 ECDW now, and guarantees replacement of those 72 in five (5) years with no additional outlay (including any new technological advances available in the newer models) by locking the price at the current quoted price, a savings of any yearly price increases that might occur in the next five years. TAP also allows for coverage of the inventory under warranty without additional charges, a \$15,000 value.

Because the Department lacks the budget to purchase the new inventory, staff recommends purchase through a company called Municipal Asset Management, Inc. (MAGT). MAGT is a corporation that finances the purchase of items routinely purchased by government entities like ECDW, vehicles, copy machines, etc. The cost of financing this purchase is \$12,587.24. The total purchase price for the 72 ECDW plus 72 replacement ECDW in approximately five years will be \$152,893.15.

The Prescott Valley Police Foundation (PVPF) has approved \$8,178.63 toward this purchase, and the Department has \$22,400.00 in budgeted funds for the payment for this fiscal year. The PVPF has approved use of additional funds in upcoming fiscal year(s) to offset Department costs to continue the payments to MAGT. The Department is grateful to PVPF for their efforts in raising the funds that will go toward this purchase of safety equipment.

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.) disapprove 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 Taser Asset Management contract and Taser Purchase. **VOTE.**

RECOMMENDATION: Town staff recommends approval of 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

FISCAL ANALYSIS: The Police Department budgeted \$31,400 in fiscal year 2015-2016 for the purchase of Tasers. We have already purchased eight Tasers thus far, leaving a remaining budget balance of \$22,400 for Taser purchases. These budgeted funds, along with Prescott Valley Police Foundation (PVPF) funds, will cover the first year's payment. Subsequent years' payments will be made by combination of Department budget, PVPF funds, grant funds and other resources.

REVIEWED BY:

Management Services Director _____

Town Clerk _____

Town Attorney _____

Town Manager _____

COUNCIL ACTION:

Approved Denied Tabled/Deferred Assigned to _____