

CITY OF MONTEVIDEO  
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
August 16, 2023

A Special Meeting of the Montevideo City Council was held on Wednesday, August 16, 2023 in the Council Chambers at City Hall. The meeting had been set in accordance with Section 3.01, Chapter 3 of the City Charter. A special notice was executed by Mayor Winter dated August 11, 2023. Council President Schmidt called the council meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Purpose of the meeting was to review/discuss the status of the city's public safety vehicle fleet; to consider the purchase of public safety vehicle(s); and, for such other business that may come before the council.

Council members present: President Nathan Schmidt, Steve Sulflow, Dan Sanborn and Bryce Curtiss. Absent: Beverly Olson. Mayor Winter present.

Also present: City Attorney Janice Nelson and City Clerk Glennis Lauritsen.

Staff present: Police Chief Ken Schule.

Chief Schule explained the current fleet inventory status of the department. Two (2) 2023 squads were previously approved by the council for purchase through Ten Voorde Ford of St. Cloud; however, they are not slated to be built until at least December IF they are built (according to discussions with the police fleet salesperson.) In addition, the 2021 Ford utility vehicle was recently totaled in a vehicle accident. Therefore, the department is basically down three (3) vehicles.

Schule indicated that the city has an opportunity to purchase three (3) 2023 Ford utility interceptor police vehicles from Wade Ford in Smyrna, Georgia at \$46,560/vehicle, for a total of \$139,680. Funds would be taken from the police CIP/CEP (under deficit spending) and would be backfilled in 2024. This purchase would replace the current order from Ten Voorde Ford, and provide an additional vehicle to replace the totaled 2021 (insurance payback estimated at \$29,000). Shipping would be an additional cost, from the dealership in Georgia to Guardian Fleet, Clear Lake, MN (where the vehicles would be outfitted). Schule had located Montway, a major shipping company, to provide that service at \$999/vehicle for a total of \$2,799.00.

Schule stated he had searched multiple Gov contracted Ford dealerships throughout the United States for vehicle availability and price, including McLarty Ford of Texarkana (\$48,070/vehicle

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+ shipping), Phil Long Ford of Raton, NM (\$52,040/vehicle but out-of-stock), Megamall of Columbus, OH (nothing available) and Parks Ford of Hendersonville, NC (nothing available).

City Attorney Nelson discussed procedures for purchasing allowed under Minnesota State Statute 471.345 - Uniform Municipal Contracting Law. The state provides a procedure for contracts exceeding \$25,000 but not \$175,000 to be made either upon sealed bids or by direct negotiation by obtaining two or more quotations for the purchase or sale when possible. Due to the current economic situation and no available vehicles from other dealerships, multiple quotes were not possible and, therefore, she recommended the council proceed using this procedure for the purchase(s).

Some discussion took place regarding Guardian's schedule for the vehicles to be outfitted, the city's vehicle replacement/rotation schedule moving forward and the financial effect on the department's CIP/CEP.

Following discussion, it was moved by Sanborn, seconded by Sulflow and unanimously passed to authorize the purchase of three (3) 2023 Ford Police Interceptor vehicles from Wade Ford, Smyrna, Georgia, for a total purchase price of \$139,680.

There was no other business to come before the council.

Meeting adjourned at 7:23 P.M.

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Glenn A. Lauritsen, Secretary

Approved by council August 21, 2023:

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President - City Council