City of Joplin — City Council Agenda Item

REQUESTED COUNCIL MEETING DATE: MARCH 5, 2018

ITEM: COUNCIL BILL NO. 2018-504
ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT: FINANCE DEPARTMENT
ATTACHMENTS: 1) Copy of Council Bill with attached Schedule A

Department Head: Leslie Haase
City Attorney: Peter Edwards
City Manager: Sam Anselm

INTRODUCTION:

This Council Bill amends the adopted 2017-2018 Budget of the City of Joplin.

DISCUSSION:

In compliance with Charter regulations and accounting principles, the proposed adjustment is required to ensure that department expenditures do not exceed approved budget appropriations.

During the budget preparation, the police department had applied for a body worn camera grant that reimbursed 50% of the cost of the cameras. The adopted budget included $110,000.00 in expenditures for the cost of the requested cameras, as well as $55,000.00 in grant revenue. The intent during the budget preparation was that if the City didn't receive the grant, the out-of-pocket cost of $55,000.00 would be used to purchase body worn cameras. The City was recently notified that we did not receive the grant.

The cost to outfit every uniformed patrol officer is $124,506.00, which represents 51 cameras. Additionally, a new computer server in the amount of $7,000.00 will be required to accommodate the storage needs of 51 cameras. In order to purchase all of these cameras, the City will use $55,000.00 as budgeted, with the remaining funds coming from drug forfeiture funds. Drug forfeiture funds remain in fund balance until such time as the city uses the proceeds for one-time purchases. As a result, this budget amendment reduces the revenues by $55,000.00 and increases the budgeted expenditures by $21,506.00, thereby allowing the purchase to be made from these special funds.

The police department tested multiple cameras and decided the Panasonic body cameras are the best option for the department. The in-car cameras are also Panasonic, which allows both cameras to work in tandem. When an officer turns on the emergency lights, the in-car camera as well as the body camera will activate at once. Also, the video from both cameras are stored in the same program. The cameras will have a 5-year extended warranty on the hardware and software. These cameras are available through the Missouri State bid and will be purchased in this manner.

RECOMMENDATION:

City Staff recommends this Council Bill be approved on an emergency basis.