

**FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION
COMMITTEE MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2009
7:00 P.M.**

The Finance and Administration Committee of the Merriam City Council met at 7:00 p.m. Monday, March 9, 2009. Councilmembers present included: Committee Chair, Bryan Burks, Councilmember Pam Bertocin, Councilmember Nancy Hupp and Councilmember Dan Leap. Staff present included Cindy Ehart, Finance Director; Phil Lammers, City Administrator; Bill Lietzke, Police Chief; and Juli Pinnick, City Clerk.

Police Department – Bill Lietzke

1. Consider the approval of purchase of one (1) 2009 Ford Crown Victoria Police Interceptor vehicle for patrol purposes and two (2) Toyota Corolla's for use by the detective unit.

Police Chief Bill Lietzke presented the background for this item. The 2009 budget includes the purchase of three new police vehicles. All three will be replacing vehicles that have surpassed the 90,000-mile mark as per the City's vehicle replacement policy.

The Ford Crown Victoria police interceptor will be a fully marked black and white patrol car. The car will be equipped with the standard police package that includes a heavy-duty transmission, brakes and alternator. Additional equipment needed to fully equip the unit for patrol usage includes a strobe pack and bulbs, passenger airbag switch, and vehicle graphics. The total cost for this vehicle is \$23,848.

For the Crown Victoria - The City of Merriam purchases vehicles in cooperation with the Mid-America Council of Public Purchasing (MACPP). Municipalities save money on vehicles purchased through MACPP due to large volume purchasing. The MACPP is an established chapter of the National Institute of Governmental Purchasing Inc. This association has developed efficient purchasing methods and practices in governmental procurement. They encourage ethical standards in buying and selling and promote uniform public purchasing laws and simplified standards of specifications.

The two Toyota Corolla's will have 1.8 Liter 4-cyl DOHC Dual VVT-I SFT Engines, 4-speed automatic transmissions and be front wheel drive. They will be equipped with red and blue lights on the passenger sun visor for identification

purposes only. These vehicles will be used to replace two detective vehicles. Cost for 2 @ \$16,322.00 ea. is a total of \$32,644.

For the Toyotas - There were no bids submitted through MACPP for these vehicles. The Merriam Police Department solicited bids from Superior Toyota in Merriam, Olathe Toyota and Adam's Toyota. It is staff's recommendation to accept Superior Toyota's bid of \$16,322 per unit.

The total for these three vehicles is \$56,492.00. There is \$56,700.00 in the 2009 budget for these vehicles.

Councilmember Hupp asked Chief Lietzke why there was a difference in the bid for the Carollo's and what is being approved. The bid price is \$16,087.00 and the amount for approval is \$16,322.00.

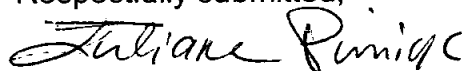
Chief Lietzke responded that the difference in price is the add-on cost of tinting the windows, which would apply to each of the bids.

COUNCILMEMBER BERTONCIN MOVED THAT THE FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE FORWARD TO THE FULL COUNCIL A RECOMMENDATION FOR APPROVAL OF THE PURCHASE OF THREE VEHICLES FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$56,492.00. THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

Finance Director Cindy Ehart notified the committee of a notice received from the Kansas Development Finance Authority, a State agency, that they intend to issue \$5 million in Revenue Bonds for Shawnee Mission Medical Center, located in Merriam. The City received notice per IRS Codes and State Legislature requirements. There will be a total of \$150 million in Revenue Bonds issued over the next two years. In no event will the bonds constitute an obligation to the City or the State of Kansas. There is no action required by the City. The notice is given to satisfy the IRS and State requirements.

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Juliana Pinnick
City Clerk