

SULTAN CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

DATE: June 6, 2008

SUBJECT: Vehicle Replacement

CONTACT: Rick Hawkins Interim Chief of Police

ISSUE:

Authorize interim Police Chief Rick Hawkins to purchase a Ford F-150 4x4 crew cab pickup to replace the Ford Explorer with the funds available in the Police equipment fund.

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize Interim Chief Rick Hawkins to purchase a 2008 Ford F-150 4x4 crew cab pickup for an amount not to exceed \$34,000.

SUMMARY:

The Sultan Police Department currently has a 1997 Ford Explorer (4x4) which has approximately 114,297 miles logged. This vehicle was originally assigned to the Chief of Police and was not properly equipped for patrol such as not having a caged area for transporting prisoners, police markings or equipped with a Mobile Data Computer (MDC) used for receiving calls for service. The Ford Explorer is the only vehicle in the Sultan Police inventory that is four wheel drive. The Police department should have one four wheel drive vehicle fully equipped for patrol within its inventory due to periodic flooding and snow or any other inclement weather conditions that can restrict normal police sedan access.

Due to the Ford Explorer's high mileage, lack of equipment and its low value staff recommends replacing the Ford Explorer with a new four wheel drive crew cab pickup using the existing Police Equipment Reserve Fund. This fund is supported by the utility tax which has a current balance in excess of \$74,117.94.

The four wheel drive crew cab pickup was selected over other 4x4 patrol units such as the Expedition due to ground clearance, value and utility. In an attempt to find the best value staff looked into the possibility of purchasing a used vehicle. Hank Wiebe Sales manager for Sno-Country Ford in Sultan searched his inventory and consulted with the Monroe manager for vehicles and prices. Mr. Wiebe quoted the best price they would be able to provide would be \$22,000.00 - \$23,000.00 for a pickup that had approximately 37,000 miles and no warranty.

Staff contacted Brad Graff from Snohomish County fleet management who purchases vehicles from the state bid. The Sheriff's Office just purchased a new Ford F-150 4x4 pickup off the state bid for \$22,953.00 which includes a five year drive train warranty. Mr. Graff advised that the cut off date for orders was May 19, 2008 although there are currently five vehicles remaining in the state for purchase. The following is a breakdown of cost for the vehicle on the state bid.

Ford F-150 4x4 pickup:	\$ 22,953.00
Tax :	<u>1,973.96</u>
Sub Total:	24,926.96
Equipment (cage & lights):	5,491.23
Tax:	472.25
Labor (installation)	<u>2900.00</u>
Total:	\$ 33,790.44

The Sultan Police Department budgeted approximately \$22,260.00 for police vehicles in 2008.

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