

**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CUBA, MISSOURI
THURSDAY – APRIL 15, 2021 – 6:00 P.M.
CUBA CITY HALL COUNCIL ROOM**

Mayor Leathers called the meeting to order. Aldermen present: Kevin Copling, Sam Black, Debbie Martin, Warren Graddy, Curtis Holt, and Jeff Bouse. Police Chief: Doug Shelton. Police Captain Ben Scharfenberg.

Motion by Bouse, seconded by Martin, to approve the agenda. Vote: All ayes.

Discussion of Peacemaker computers for the police department - \$122,925: Discussion by the BOA to purchase these computers from the city funds as the Crawford County CARES committee turned down the application to reimburse the police department for the purchase. Alderman Martin had concerns that the company is a startup. She is also concerned with the effectiveness of the anti-microbial protection claims to kill Covid-19. Finally, she did state that CARES committee members spoke with the company who also did not make the covid claim at 100%. Alderman Martin stated she understood the need for computers considering the ones the PD currently has are older; but she felt there could be other options that are less expensive to consider.

Alderman Copling stated that if the Police Department needs the computer then they should be able to purchase it.

City Clerk Nash stated that she did think it fair to request a portion of the \$4.6 million that the county will receive in the American Rescue Plan Act. Or she will check with the auditors to see if they would approve the purchase from capital improvement funds.

Motion by Copling, seconded by Bouse, to purchase the Peacemaker computers with capital improvement funds contingent upon the auditor's approval. Discussion: Alderman Graddy stated that with the computers not being a budgeted item, he would like to wait. Alderman Martin would like to see if there are alternative computers to purchase and the pricing along with it. Alderman Black inquired if the county applied for these computers. Chief Shelton stated that the county was outfitted with other computers. Capt. Sharfenberg reminded the council that the computers included the equipment, installation, the software and a printer. Shelton did agree that since they were down a person, they could use one less computer. **Roll call vote: Copling - yes, Graddy – no, Martin – no, Bouse – yes, Black – yes, and Holt – no. Mayor – no.** Mayor Leathers would like to see pricing from other companies before making a decision.

Mayor Leathers asked for quotes for April 20th meeting to be put on the agenda.

Police Resignation: City Clerk Nash read the resignation from the K9 Officer – Rob Roberson.
Motion by Bouse, seconded by Graddy, to approve the resignation from Rob Roberson.
Vote: All ayes.

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Police Chief Shelton stated that they will get training to another officer in Cape Girardeau at approximately \$3,000. That will not include hotel for 6-weeks. City Clerk Nash inquired on a per diem as the last time there were not any guidelines to follow, and the city gave the person a temporary debit card which was a time consuming to reconcile. She suggested a per diem per day and then to write a check for the officer to keep track of. County agreed.

Chief Shelton would like to advertise for a new officer at \$40,000. **Motion by Bouse, seconded by Copling, to advertise for a patrolman. Vote: All ayes.**

Motion by Graddy, seconded by Holt, to adjourn. Vote: All ayes.

Christine Nash, City Clerk