

City Council of the City of New Castle
Special Council Meeting
Town Hall – 201 Delaware Street – New Castle
Wednesday – December 26, 2012 – 4 p.m.

Old Business

Discussion and decision concerning a request from the Police Department for grant funding and required matching City budget funds for replacement of vehicle video recording systems.

Present:

Council President William Barthel
Councilperson John Cochran (4:08)
Councilperson John Gaworski
Councilperson Ted Megginson

Absent:

Councilperson Teel Petty

Also present: Mayor Donald Reese
NCPD Officer Gene Wood

Council President Barthel called the meeting to order, and stated that Council was meeting to continue discussing the request from the Police Department for the City budget funds required to match the grant funding available for replacement of vehicle video recording systems. A Special Meeting was called due to the fact that the units must be ordered by December 31st to qualify for the grant.

Council President Barthel asked Officer Wood to go over the grant funding figures and the benefits of the new equipment.

NCPD Officer Gene Wood reported to the Council on the Watchguard digital in car video recording equipment requested for the department's police vehicles, and on the grant funding that is available from the Office of Highway Safety:

- The New Cameras will be able to record and save recordings directly to the Police Station server, this will save time spent downloading data saved to cameras in the cars now. After a shift, the officer now has to remove DVD from cameras, and manually download and save.
- The entire cost for the cameras and server is \$40,950.00. Initially, the City would pay the entire amount, and be reimbursed through an Office of Highway Safety Grant. The remaining funds will come from the Police Budget.
- The Office of Highway Safety Grant will cover \$35,200.00 for 7 in-car cameras, and the server. That will include a 3-year warranty on the server and 1 year on each camera.
- \$5,810.00 for Installation and Software will be covered from the Police budget.
 - \$1232.22 Allotment from Radar/Radio Line
 - \$1667.36 S15-12 Grant Adjustment Fund
 - \$2910.42 103.5 Hours Officer Unpaid Leave

Council President Barthel asked for clarification of the 3-year warranty, Officer Wood stated the 3 year warranty is on the Server Mainframe and 1 year on each camera. We are getting \$750.00 trade-in rebate on each of the cameras we currently use, and that has been factored into the pricing already quoted.

Councilperson Cochran questioned if we were already committed to the grant. Officer Wood, said that if approved, the order would be placed on or before the December 31 deadline. Then the reimbursement vouchers would have to be into the Grant by February 11, 2013.

Mr. Cochran stated that going forward, before grants are applied for, he would like see them come before Council for approval.

Council President Barthel called for any questions. Being none he indicated that Council was unanimously in favor of going forward with ordering the equipment by the December 31, 2012 deadline, and would call for a vote on a bank resolution at the January Council meeting.

Councilperson Cochran made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilperson Gaworski seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 4:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Burgmuller
Council Secretary