

**CITY OF LA VISTA
MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL REPORT
SEPTEMBER 17, 2013 AGENDA**

Subject:	Type:	Submitted By:
PURCHASE OF POLICE K-9	◆ RESOLUTION ORDINANCE RECEIVE/FILE	BOB LAUSTEN POLICE CHIEF

SYNOPSIS

A resolution has been prepared authorizing the purchase of a police service dog (K-9) from Shallow Creek Kennels, Sharpsville, PA, in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.

FISCAL IMPACT

The police department has restricted K-9 donation funds available for the proposed purchase.

RECOMMENDATION

Approval

BACKGROUND

The police department began using Police Service Dogs (PSD) in 1998 with the arrival of "Cosmo". In February of 2006, Cosmo retired and a replacement PSD "Leda" was purchased and has been deployed since 2006. PSD "Tar" was purchased in 2011 and is currently still in service. Leda is retiring from service as of September 17, 2013.

The market for police service dogs remains high, primarily due to the war in Iraq and Afghanistan. The availability of dogs is low. Shallow Creek has supplied quality police service dogs to Metro area law enforcement agencies in the recent past, including in 2011 when the LVPD purchased PSD "Tar" from Shallow Creek. The PSD will be given a health screening from the police department's certified veterinarian prior to payment.

The Omaha Police Department K-9 supervisor has also offered the police department a position in their September K-9 training class at no cost which will save our police department approximately \$3,500 in training/room and board fees by not having to train in Grand Island.

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA VISTA, NEBRASKA APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF A POLICE K-9 FROM SHALLOW CREEK KENNELS, SHARPSVILLE, PA, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$10,000.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of La Vista has determined that the purchase of a police K-9 is necessary, and

WHEREAS, the K-9 Donation account has funds available for the purchase of said K-9, and

WHEREAS, The La Vista Police Department did extensive research and recommends that the K-9 be purchased from said vendor, and

WHEREAS, Subsection (c) of Section 31.23 of the La Vista Municipal Code requires the City Administrator secure Council approval prior to authorizing any purchase over \$5,000.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Council of La Vista, Nebraska, do hereby authorize the purchase of a police K-9 from Shallow Creek Kennels, Sharpsville, PA, in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 17TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2013.

CITY OF LA VISTA

Douglas Kindig, Mayor

ATTEST:

Pamela A. Buethe, CMC
City Clerk