

COUNCIL APPROVES POLICE DRUG FUND MONEY TO IMPLEMENT ONBOARD COMPUTERS FOR CRUISERS. FORMER POLICE OFFICER TURNED COUNCIL MEMBER VOTES AGAINST PROGRESS

From Council Meeting Minutes Held October 13, 2008...

ORDINANCES

#2008-45 - AN ORDINANCE MAKING CERTAIN ADDITIONS TO THE APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2008, AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2008, AMENDING ORDINANCE 2007-46; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. THIRD READING.

Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. **Mr. Kovach** asked why we think we need to do this, in his opinion this is redundant and duplicates what the dispatcher does and is not any faster. Mr. Richards said that at the safety committee meeting a police officer and representative from NORIS were present and demonstrated the system. It will be faster since we will not be sharing the dispatcher and is better in that it provides a photo ID which the dispatcher cannot provide. This directly affects officer safety. **Mr. Kovach** asked if we know if any other local agencies are using and was told by Mr. Hermes and Mr. Richards that the NORIS representative said there are 6-8 agencies using this system. **Mr. Kovach** sees potential problems with this down the road i.e. security, unauthorized use in station. Mr. Richards said the system will show who logged in, time, etc. **Mr. Kovach** asked who will monitor the use [sic] and was told by Mr. Richards that it will follow the chain of command. **Mr. Kovach** said with all due respect to the safety committee he cannot support this ordinance. Mr. Oberdorf asked if the money to purchase this is from drug related activity and can it only be used for police and was told yes by Mr. Ciecka. Mr. Oberdorf said he is in favor of passing this since the money does not come from the general fund and that previous problems will lead to this having greater scrutiny. He is impressed with the system and it will allow our officers to be more proficient, productive, and safer. Mr. Hermes moved and Mr. Marquette seconded the motion to declare an emergency. Hermes, Richards, Oberdorf, Eckel, and Marquette aye. **Kovach** no. Motion carried 5-1. Mr. Richards [sic] moved and Mr. Hermes seconded the motion to adopt. Richards, Hermes, Marquette, Eckel, and Oberdorf aye. **Kovach** no. Motion carried 5-1. Mr. Richards told **Mr. Kovach** said [sic] that just because this went against Mr. Kovach he does not want him to think that his expertise is not listened to and appreciated.