

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-17

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FAIRFIELD BAY
REGARDING APPROVAL OF
PURCHASE OF NEW
BODY CAMERAS FOR
POLICE OFFICERS WORKING FOR THE
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY;
DECLARING AN EMERGENCY;
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, The City of Fairfield Bay currently uses body cameras for its Police Department at the Department of Public Safety, but the current cameras are outdated and have started to break down at critical times; and

WHEREAS, the Chief of the Police Department has prepared a cost estimate for replacement of the body cameras, that is, seven new cameras, plus certain security coding, in the amount of \$3,472.70 (which includes tax); and

WHEREAS, the City will need to make a separate, subsequent amendment to its annual budget in order to provide appropriate funding from reserves and current income accounts, as body cameras are purchased; and

WHEREAS, the anticipated expenditure, while less than the Mayor's authority to enter into agreements and spend money without approval of the City Council, may come from a number of different accounts of the various departments using the system, and may qualify for American Rescue Act, or other federal funding, and so the Mayor seeks approval of the proposed spending by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the City Council, after discussion at work session, and review, approves the proposed purchase of new body cameras for the Department of Public Safety, in an amount less than the Mayor's budgetary authority, and in an amount estimated at no less than \$3,472.70;

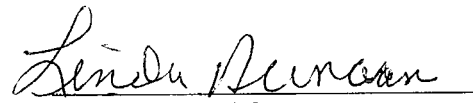
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FAIRFIELD BAY, ARKANSAS:

Section 1. The initial estimate for the purchase of a new body cameras for the Department of Public Safety, in an amount no less than \$3,472.70, and no more than the Mayor's statutory budget authority, be, and it is hereby, APPROVED. A copy of the cost estimate was made available to members of the City Council for inspection at the July work session.

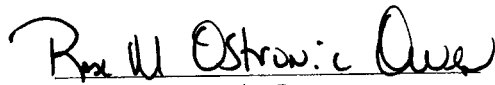
Section 2. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. An emergency is declared to exist, and because of the necessity of purchasing new body cameras to replace the older models that are currently declining in effectiveness as the cameras wear out, at the Department of Public Safety, in order to protect the City, its citizens, residents, and visitors. The amount herein had been unanticipated at the beginning of this budget year, and it is therefore in imminent need of approval in order to facilitate the replacement, consequently this Ordinance shall go into effect immediately upon and after its passage. The City Council concludes that the uncertainty of effectiveness of the older model body cameras requires immediate approval of the Chief's estimate for replacement of the body cameras, as this expenditure is needed to protect the public peace, health, financial well-being, and safety of the City; and so this emergency is real, imminent, and must be addressed.

Section 3. NOT TO BE CODIFIED. This Ordinance concerning approval of an Estimate for replacement of the body cameras is of a temporary nature, and so will require a separate change to the 2021 Budget Ordinance (as amended from time to time), after the replacements have been purchased and put into use, and the amounts necessary are fixed and determined, and shall therefore not be codified in the Municipal Code.

IT IS SO ORDAINED, PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council for the City of Fairfield Bay, Arkansas, at its regular meeting on this 9th day of August, 2021.


Linda Duncan, Mayor

Attest, a true and correct copy:


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