



TOWN OF ERIE

645 Holbrook Street
Erie, CO 80516

Town Council

Board Meeting Date: 7/24/2018

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SUBJECT:

A Resolution Authorizing The Purchase Of 40 Motorola, 800 MHZ Handheld, Single Band Radios From Wireless Advanced Communications In The Amount Of \$134,847.05, And Setting Forth Details In Relation Thereto.

DEPARTMENT: Police

PRESENTER: Kimberly Stewart, Chief of Police

FISCAL INFORMATION:

Cost as Recommended: \$134,847.05

Balance Available: \$0.00

Budget Line Item Number: 100.60.110.600140.00000

New Appropriation Required: Yes

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Approve Resolution authorizing said purchase, authorizing the purchase and authorizing Staff to expend funds.

SUMMARY AND BACKGROUND OF SUBJECT MATTER:

20 hand held, dual band Harris radios were purchased in the fall of 2013. Since then, the department has grown and the cost to provide/purchase additional Harris handheld, dual band radios is no longer cost effective. In addition, several of our handheld, dual band Harris radios have been broken, radio chargers have become inoperable and purchasing new batteries is also expensive.

Benefits of changing over to Motorola handheld radios include:

- Cost is a key factor, Motorola handheld, single band radios cost less than half the price of a Harris handheld, dual band radio.
- Motorola and Wireless Advance Communications is the certified communications vendor for the Town of Erie Police Department and other municipalities in the State of Colorado.
- Our Police Fleet has mobile Motorola radios thus simplifying programming.
- We conducted tests in the field and the Motorola, handheld, single band radio provided the best coverage in the schools and throughout the Town.

Staff received the following sole source quote:

Vendor

Wireless Advanced Communications

Cost

\$134,847.05 (includes 40 hand held radios; leather radio holders, shoulder mics, ear pieces and desk chargers)

Staff recommends purchasing the 40 handheld, single band Motorola radios

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ATTACHMENTS:

- a. Resolution
- b. Sole Source Memorandum
- c. Quote