

**CITY OF LA VISTA**  
**MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL REPORT**  
**FEBRUARY 1, 2011 AGENDA**

<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Type:</b>	<b>Submitted By:</b>
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 K-9 from Shallow Creek Kennels, Sharpsville, PA, in an amount not to exceed \$8,500.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

The police department has restricted K-9 Donation and Narcotic Forfeiture funds available for the purchase.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Approval

**BACKGROUND**

The police department began using Police Service Dogs 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.

Planning for a second PSD began three years ago while evaluating the delivery of police services for La Vista's proposed annexations of SID 59 and 214 as well as the build out of western La Vista. As the City has grown, so too has the demand for law enforcement services. A second police dog will assist the department in providing those services.

With the proposed "annexation consideration" resolution passed at the January 18, 2011 City Council meeting, numerous business and warehouse space may be added to the City. These light industrial areas will inevitably result in additional calls for service, in which a Police Service Dog would be instrumental for the effective, safe delivery of service. (Alarms, thefts, suspicious activity, etc.)

The addition of a second Police Service Dog team will allow for the deployment of a PSD team on both day and night shifts, avoiding the need to call in the PSD team while off-duty which will reduce the overtime costs associated with a single PSD team. Having a PSD team available during both day and night shifts will assist officers in locating and seizing illegal narcotics during traffic stops and calls for service.

Staffing for the new K-9 position will come from an existing Special Enforcement Bureau position, and will not affect the Uniform Patrol Bureau staffing. The Police department will transition an existing marked police cruiser (Dodge Magnum) to a K-9 specific vehicle. The up-fitting of the police car will not result in the need for another police car by deploying the vehicle to K-9 use.

The addition of a second PSD team will assist when the time comes to replace our current PSD team (Leda), so there will be no interruption in PSD services while the new PSD and handler are selected and trained.

The Omaha Police Department K-9 supervisor has also offered the police department a position in their upcoming K-9 training class (to begin in late February) 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.

The market for police service dogs remains high due (particularly due to the war in Iraq and Afghanistan) and the availability of dogs low. Shallow Creek has supplied quality police service dogs to Metro area law enforcement agencies in the recent past and will receive a new shipment of canines from Europe at the end of January. Shallow Creek and have invited La Vista PD, Omaha PD and Council Bluffs PD to be the first to evaluate the new arriving dogs in order to acquire the best of the bunch. OPD and CBPD are also purchasing dogs. Department members would attend an evaluation at the vendor's location and view a variety of canines. The PSD will be given a health screening from the police department's certified veterinarian prior to payment.

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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 \$8,500

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 and Narcotic Forfeiture account have 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 \$8,500.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 1ST DAY OF FEBRUARY 2011.

CITY OF LA VISTA

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Douglas Kindig, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Pamela A. Buethe, CMC  
City Clerk