

**City Council
Agenda Memo**



**City Council
Meeting Date: 02-26-15**

TO: David A. Vela, Interim City Manager

FROM: Stan Standridge, Chief of Police

SUBJECT: Resolution Amending the Seized Fund Budget for the Purchase of Firearms and Firearm Components

GENERAL INFORMATION

Pursuant to Article 59.06 of the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure, the Abilene Police Department is requesting to amend the seized fund budget to allow the purchase of firearms that warrant immediate replacement, including shotguns and SWAT firearms.

Many of the shotguns currently used by the Department are more than three decades old. Three failed catastrophically in the past 20 months. Another 24 shotguns recently failed function checks and had to be repaired by the Range Master. The replacement 25 shotguns will be used exclusively for less-lethal purposes and will be painted accordingly. Slings and sling mounts for the shotguns are also included in this purchase request.

The SWAT M4 upper receivers were initially purchased in 2004, and they have since had approximately 1,200 rounds fired through them annually. Despite countless tubes and rings being replaced, they can no longer hold a group at 25 yards. One rifle had an 8" variance at 25 yards. Eleven upper receivers must be replaced to ensure proper accuracy.

Two of the SWAT Sniper .308 rifles are more than 20 years old, and three are more than 10 years old. The 20-year old rifles have more than 10,000 rounds through them, and the remaining have 5,000 rounds spent. Stocks have been replaced, but 5 rifle barrels must now be replaced to ensure absolute accuracy. Variance in grouping has already begun to occur.

FUNDING/FISCAL IMPACT

Quotes received collectively amount to \$15,864.64. Of that amount, \$14,904.63 will be budgeted to be spent from Justice seized funds and \$960.01 will be budgeted to be spent from Patrol seized funds.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval of the written resolution amending the seized fund budget to allow the purchase of firearms and firearm components as described above.

ATTACHMENTS

Resolution

Prepared by: Name ___ Stan Standridge _____ Title ___ Chief of Police _____	Item No. <u>7.1</u>	Disposition by City Council <input type="checkbox"/> Approved Ord/Res# _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Denied _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
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City Secretary

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS, AMENDING THE SEIZED FUNDS BUDGET FOR THE PURCHASE OF FIREARMS AND FIREARM COMPONENTS.

WHEREAS, Article 59.06 of the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure requires that prior to spending seized funds, the budget for the expenditure of the funds must be approved by the governing board of the municipality; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Abilene approved the initial budget for the expenditure of seized funds through the budget process; and

WHEREAS, in the original budget there was no money budgeted in the Justice seized funds and the Patrol seized funds for firearms or firearm components; and

WHEREAS, the Abilene Police Department has shotguns that are more than three decades old that have been failing; SWAT M4 uppers that have had approximately 1,200 round fired through them annually and are no longer holding a group at 25 yards; and SWAT sniper rifles that are 10 to 20 years old that need replacement barrels to ensure accuracy; and

WHEREAS, in order to purchase these weapons and components through Justice and Patrol seized funds, the seized funds budget must be amended.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS:

PART 1: That the City Council approves amending the Justice seized funds budget to allow \$14,904.63 to be budgeted to be spent on the purchase of firearms and firearm components.

PART 2: That the City Council approves amending the Patrol seized funds budget to allow \$960.01 to be budgeted to be spent on the purchase of firearms and firearm components.

PART 3: That this resolution shall take effect immediately from and after its passage.

ADOPTED this 26th day of February, A.D. 2015.

ATTEST:

City Secretary

Mayor

APPROVED:

City Attorney