

April 17, 2023

Council Communication

Re: Cadillac Police K9

After 10 years of service, 12-year-old K9 Officer Sage will be retiring at the end of this month. Additionally, Sgt. Taylor will be stepping down as K9 handler after 15 years and Officer Hicks will be taking over. The K9 program has been a part of the Cadillac Police Department for several decades and is used as a law enforcement tool and a bridge builder between the citizens and visitors of Cadillac and the Police Department.

Options for K9 vendors and trainers in this area are limited; however, two were explored: Northern Michigan K9 in Clare, and Mid-Michigan Kennels in Flint. After much consideration, the Police Department's recommendation is to use Northern Michigan K9 (NMK9).

NMK9 is where the City obtained previous K9 Officer "Bo" and is conveniently located just 45 minutes from Cadillac. This would enable the new K9 officer and handler to commute to daily training, reducing overall travel expenses. NMK9's quoted price of \$11,000 includes the dual-purpose Police K9, a 4-week training program for handler and K9, a 1-year workability guarantee, and a 3-year health guarantee that covers hips, elbows, spine, and eyes. If approved, training would commence May 1, 2023.

Mid-Michigan Kennels quoted \$13,500 for the K9 and initial training, but would require nightly hotel and other travel expenses, and also had a training schedule that did not match up well with the department's schedule. Although Mid-Michigan Kennels is a great facility, the department feels that NMK9 is the better fit for CPD's current needs. Department staff have visited both locations and are confident that NMK9 is putting out quality Police K9's with excellent training and guarantees.

Recommended Action

It is recommended that City Council waive competitive bidding and authorize the purchase of a new K9 Officer from Northern Michigan K9 in the amount of \$11,000. Funds are available in the General Fund. The FY2023 operating budget included an appropriation of \$15,000 for this purchase.


NMK9

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Harrison, MI 48625
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INVOICE

DATE: MARCH 29, 2023

TO: CITY OF CADILLAC POLICE

DESCRIPTION	HOURS	RATE	AMOUNT
<p>One Dual Purpose Narcotics Dog; with (Four week class and equipment)</p>  <p>Please make your payment in the next 30 days. Thank You!</p> <p>**Please note new attached W9</p>			<p>\$11,000</p>
<p>TOTAL</p>			<p>\$11,000.00</p>

Please make all checks payable to NMK9

Thank you for your business!