

ORDINANCE NO. 43-18

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2018 BUDGET AND AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FROM THE RESERVE BALANCE OF THE GENERAL OPERATING FUND

BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CITY OF FORT SMITH, ARKANSAS THAT:

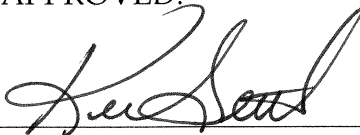
WHEREAS, the 2018 Operating Budget was approved with Ordinance 68-17; and,

WHEREAS, the Police Department has requested additional fleet vehicle purchases;

NOW THEREFORE, there is hereby authorized an appropriation of expenditures as outlined in the attachments from the unobligated balance of the General Fund in the amount of \$385,000 for the Police Department's purchase of additional fleet vehicles.


PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 5th DAY OF JUNE 2018.

APPROVED:



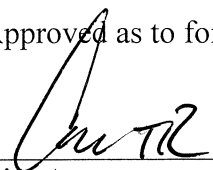
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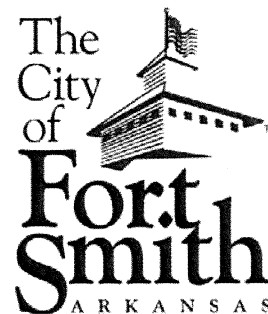
City Clerk

Approved as to form:



City Attorney
No publication required

Memo



To: Carl Geffken, City Administrator
 CC: Jeff Dingman, Deputy City Administrator
 From: Jennifer Walker, Finance Director
 Date: 06/01/2018
 Re: 2018 Budget Amendment – Police Vehicles

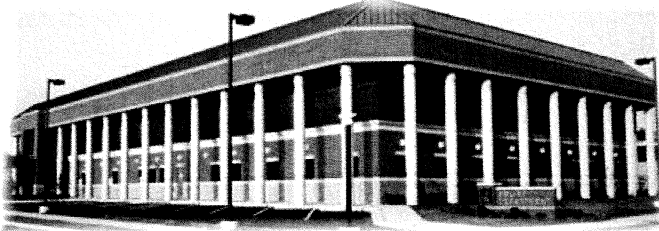
Police Department funds associated with the Fleet Leasing program in Item 6A total \$385,000.

The Police department is requesting to re-allocate these funds for the purchase of new Police Vehicles, along with some additional funds in the amount \$63,000. Police will transfer the \$63,000 from Fuel accounts.

Each vehicle is estimated to cost \$64,000 for the base vehicle and outfitting costs. Seven (7) new vehicles are estimated to cost \$448,000.

The proposed budget amendment is as follows:

<u>Account</u>	<u>Current Budget</u>	<u>Revised Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>
47030101-528500 Fuel	\$51,000	\$30,000	(\$21,000)
47040101-528500 Fuel	\$228,500	\$186,500	(\$42,000)
47040101-531100 Cap Outlay-Vehicle	\$531,956	\$979,956	\$448,000
Total Appropriation:			\$385,000



Fort Smith Police Department

Nathaniel Clark, Chief of Police

INTERDEPARTMENTAL MEMORANDUM

To: Jennifer Walker, Finance Director

From: Nathaniel Clark, Chief of Police

Subject: Patrol Fleet - Critical Condition

Date: June 1, 2018

The backbone of the Police Department response is that of our patrol officers. The officers within the Patrol Division are who respond to citizen's calls for help 24 hours-a-day. In order to facilitate this response, reliable vehicles are just as critical as the officers within them. The ability to respond quickly to calls for police service is the priority for our entire fleet. Currently this response is suffering due to the age of our Primary Patrol Vehicles (PPV) coupled with the amount of service each vehicle must endure to provide police services.

We have twelve (12) police beats and to provide for 24 hour coverage among three overlapping shifts, we require a minimum of twenty four (24) Primary Patrol Vehicles. As of May 31, 2018, Patrol has "dead-lined" approximately ten (10) patrol vehicles and one (1) SRO vehicle. These vehicles are no longer serviceable and would cost too much to repair.

We need at least (8) more Tahoes to update our fleet to a comfortable level even though with 8 more, we will still have 9 Tahoes in the fleet with 100-150K miles.

- Six (6) of them are approaching 250,000 miles
- Ten (10) vehicles are over 200,000
- Twenty three (23) are over 100,000 miles

At present, one Primary Patrol Vehicles is completely unusable and six are not functional due to maintenance issues therefore, working the other vehicles that much more. The PPV frequently are out-of-service due to maintenance needs, oftentimes leaving no vehicles in which to deploy our officers thereby severely limiting our response. Maintenance costs since 2014 have increased over 50 percent. I have included the chart below to illustrate the costs spent every year since 2015.

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Patrol Repair Cost 4704-207

	Amount Requested	Amount Budgeted	Amount Spent
2014	176,000.00	176,000.00	162,146.23
2015	186,000.00	180,000.00	179,275.84
2016	175,000.00	175,000.00	205,879.71
2017	161,390.00	161,390.00	254,005.32
2018	161,390.00	74,110.00	71,510.00

Currently, we have nine (9) PPV purchased (12/18/17) and are awaiting delivery. We also have funding in the amount of \$561,000 in the 4704 (Patrol) account marked for "Lease". Thus, to address this critical need for our patrol response, I am requesting to utilize those funds for the purchase of at least seven (7) additional Primary Patrol Vehicles at a cost of approximately \$64,000 per vehicle, totaling \$448,000.00.

I am also requesting funds be transferred into the vehicle Maintenance Account which to date has a balance of approximately \$2,600.00 (*insufficient for May debt*).

I have supporting documents available upon request referencing the crisis we are facing with our aging Primary Patrol Vehicles for example transmission issues, loss of oil pressure, damage to the driver seat that snagged the base plate of an officers' magazine and pulled it off thus dumping the spring and all fifteen (15) rounds and much more. The aforementioned is not only a safety issue to our officers but also to the citizens and guests of Fort Smith.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nathaniel Clark, MA
Chief of Police

Cc: Carl Geffken, City Administrator
Major Larry Ranells
Deputy Director Michael Varner