

CITY OF LINCOLN
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
AGENDA
SEPTEMBER 26, 2023
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
7:00PM

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 3. Public Participation**
- 4. Oath of Office New Police Officer Jacquelynn Hannel**
- 5. Lisa Drew and Kathy Williams – Request for funding for Downtown Christmas Express**
- 6. Economic Development Grant Approvals: Structural Grant-Alley Bi Saloon, Inc., 415 Pulaski Street; Structural Grant- Infiniti Real Estate, LLC, 624 Woodlawn Rd.; Façade Grant-Alley Bi Saloon, Inc., 415 Pulaski Street.**
- 7. Purchase of Police Service Dog, Training and Related Equipment.**
- 8. Announcements**
- 9. Executive Session 2 (C) 11 - Litigation**
- 10. Adjournment**
- 11. Upcoming Meetings:** City Council Meeting: Monday, October 2, 2023 at 7:00 PM
Committee of the Whole Meeting: Tuesday, October 10, 2023 at 7:00 PM

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council Members
FROM: Ashley Metelko, Administrative Assistant
MEETING DATE: September 26, 2023
RE: Economic Development Commission Grant Approvals

Background:

On September 26, 2023, the Economic Development Grant Commission met and approved the following applications:

STRUCTURAL GRANTS:

1. Alley Bi Saloon Inc – 415 Pulaski Street

- Foundation Repair

Amount approved by Economic Development Commission on September 15, 2023: \$7,500.00

2. Infiniti Real Estate LLC/Greg Patel – 624 Woodlawn Rd

- 10x10 car wash door/install

Amount approved by Economic Development Commission on September 15, 2023: \$7,500.00

FACADE GRANTS:

1. Alley Bi Saloon Inc – 415 Pulaski Street

- Awning & East wall repair

Amount approved by Economic Development Commission on September 15, 2023: \$6,970.00

LINCOLN POLICE DEPARTMENT

CHIEF OF POLICE
JOSEPH MEISTER



DEPUTY CHIEF OF POLICE
MATTHEW COMSTOCK

To: City of Lincoln Mayor, Tracy Welch & City of Lincoln Council Members
From: Chief of Police, Joseph Meister
Meeting Date September 26th, 2023

Re: Purchase of Police Service Dog, Training and Related Equipment

Background

The Lincoln Police Department has a long history of employing a K9 to assist with narcotics detection and enforcement, tracking and criminal apprehension. Our K9 program has existed since 1990. In January of 2023, Lincoln PD retired its last service dog, Ace, after 5 years of service. The Department currently owns a new vehicle specially outfitted for a K9 handler and his service dog. Deputy Chief Comstock and I interviewed and selected a new dog handler, Officer Chris Phillips. We also assigned Sergeant Kevin Lynn, a former K9 Officer for Lincoln PD, to research and locate the best possible source for the animal, training and equipment. We have decided make the purchase through Vohne Liche Kennels, of Denver, Indiana.

Analysis/Discussion

It is no secret that illegal drug activity exists within our community. Suspects, even for minor traffic violations, are fleeing and attempting to evade arrest at higher rates than experienced in the past. To assist Officers in narcotics detection, enforcement and suspect apprehension, Police Departments across the nation utilize service animals that are specifically trained and certified for that purpose. Lincoln Police Department is no different. A full service dog is a tool that increases efficiency in the aforementioned disciplines of law enforcement, as well as Officer Safety.

During budget preparations, the Lincoln Police Department prepared for the purchase of a new service dog, as well as the costs of equipment and training associated with the responsibility of owning and employing the animal.

Fiscal Impact

The purchase price of the entire full service K9 package at Vohne Liche Kennels is \$21,785. This price includes all training for both the dog and the handler, 6 weeks room and board at academy for the handler and all necessary equipment for the pair. Lincoln PD budgeted \$49,626 in Line Item #70-1200-7861, for the purchase of the K9 and for the potential replacement of an old vehicle in case of breakdown.

It should also be noted that in recent years, illegal funds seized through the assistance and use of service dogs during investigations in Lincoln have and will continue to offset the costs of the purchase, care and maintenance of the animal.

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COW Recommendation

Place on Council's October 2nd, 2023 Voting Agenda to approve the purchase of the new service dog, training and equipment to replace the vacancy of our recently retired service dog, Ace.

Sincerely & Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph H. Meister Jr." The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J".

Chief of Police, Joe Meister #85
Lincoln, Illinois Police Department

Vohne Liche Kennels, Inc.

7953 N Old Rt 31
Denver, IN 46926

Invoice

Date	Invoice #
8/30/2023	19033

Bill To
Lincoln PD (IL) Kevin Lynn 710 5th St Lincoln, IL. 62656

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P.O. #	Terms	Date Due	VLK Rep	Ship Date	Contact #
		12/6/2023	LL	11/2/2023	
Description			Quantity	Rate	Amount
Dual Purpose Gun Detector Dog Course, 6 Weeks Class Date: November 6, 2023 Handler:			1	6,000.00	6,000.00T
Dual Purpose Pre-Trained Gun Canine – Untitled Guarantee:Effective from day of purchase. 100% Health for 6 months, Skeletal 12 months. If any genetic or hereditary problem is found during time of guarantee K-9 will be replaced. A vet report stating diagnosis must accompany K-9 on return . Trainability 3 months, Compatibility 1 month.			1	12,000.00	12,000.00T
Housing			41	80.00	3,280.00
6' x 3/4" Black Leather Lead			1	22.00	22.00T
Choke Chain 22"			1	6.00	6.00T
Tan 1" Leather Collar			1	8.00	8.00T
30' Black Long Line Lead			1	24.00	24.00T
Black Leather Tracking Collar 22"			1	25.00	25.00T
Black Leather Muzzle - Medium			1	100.00	100.00T
.38 Special Blank Bullets			1	30.00	30.00T
VLK Patrol Double Girth Harness, VLK Label			1	55.00	55.00T
2 Quart Stainless Steel Bowl			1	7.00	7.00T
3 Quart Stainless Steel Bowl			1	8.00	8.00T
Slicker Brush			1	7.00	7.00T
K-9 #500 Vari-Kennel - Gently Used			1	95.00	95.00T
Kinetic 30K Power Dog, 35#			2	59.00	118.00T
Equipment Package Total					505.00
Subtotal					21,785.00
All invoices paid by credit card are subject to a 4% service charge.				0.00	0.00T
Thank you for your business.				Total USD	

Payments/Credits

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Description			Quantity	Rate	Amount
TAX ID # 35-2148814 Out-of-state sale, exempt from sales tax				0.00%	0.00 0.00
Thank you for your business.				Total USD	\$21,785.00

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Payments/Credits	\$0.00
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