

City Council Staff Report

March 16, 2016

Applicant: Mapleton City**Prepared by:** John
Jackson – Police Chief**Public Hearing:** No**Attachments:**

1. Resolution

REQUEST

To consider a resolution authorizing the Police Chief to purchase and replace one police emergency vehicle for the Mapleton Police Department.

BACKGROUND AND PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Mapleton City Police Department currently operates on a car per officer system. This is done so that in situations that require all officers to be on duty at one time (ie: major emergency events, etc.) each officer can have a reliable emergency vehicle to respond to situations throughout the city. Part of this process is keeping and maintaining patrol vehicles in a high standard so that they can be counted on to get to any emergency situation anywhere within the city.

Currently the police department has eight full time officers. Each officer is assigned a police vehicle to maintain and use during their daily assignments. Of those eight vehicles, seven of the vehicles are of high quality and in good working order. However, the department currently has two Dodge Chargers that have passed the point that they are functional patrol vehicles. One officer is currently assigned to use a Charger for his daily patrol functions. So far this fiscal year our department has spent 83% of the vehicle maintenance and repair budget, with a majority of those expenses being directed toward the two Chargers. I have driven both of the Chargers and I am not comfortable using them as an emergency vehicle from both a reliability and officer safety standpoint. I have had both Chargers examined at Johnson Tire in Springville. The report back to me was that both Chargers are past the point of being viable patrol vehicles. Recently our city experienced a snow storm. After the charger got stuck three times the decision was made to ground it and use a vehicle assigned to a different officer. If approved, both Chargers could be sold to offset the cost of the new police vehicle.

The current state contract bid for a 2016 Ford Explorer is \$26,775.73. The estimated cost to equip the vehicle as an emergency vehicle is approximately \$10,000. This would include:

- a- Emergency lighting and siren
- b- Console/Emergency switches
- c- Safety cage
- d- Installation of radar and camera equipment (we already own this equipment)
- e- “Mapleton Police” vehicle markings

FINANCING

Financing for this vehicle will be done in accordance with the vehicle replacement program.

STAFF RECCOMENDATION

Recommend that the Police Department purchase one new vehicle and surplus the two existing Dodge Chargers to offset the cost to replace the new vehicle.

DOCUMENT ATTACHED

Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MAPLETON, UTAH AUTHORIZING THE POLICE CHIEF TO PURCHASE AND SURPLUS ONE EMERGENCY POLICE VEHICLE FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, pursuant to the City Council's policy to maintain a reliable fleet of emergency vehicles, it is necessary to surplus one of the existing emergency vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the proposed vehicle is used on a daily basis and the current vehicle is no longer a trustworthy emergency vehicle; and

WHEREAS, the replacement vehicle will be purchased through the Utah State Contract Bid Schedule.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City council of Mapleton, Utah that: the Police Chief be authorized to purchase a 2016 Ford Explorer to be used as a police emergency vehicle for a total cost of \$36,775.

This resolution adopted this 16th day of March 2016, by the city council of Mapleton City, Utah.

Brian Wall
Mayor

ATTEST:

Camille Brown
City Recorder