Date: July 14, 2026

To: Honorable Mayor and Councilmembers

From: Nathan Monck, Fire Chief
Marti Brown, City Manager

Subject: Surplus Police Equipment Purchase

Recommendation:

Authorize the City Manager, or her designee, to purchase and accept transfer of three surplus police vehicles and other assorted police equipment from the City of Orland for a cost not to exceed $5,003.

Rationale for Recommendation:

Since the City plans to re-establish its municipal police department, the City will need to procure essential law enforcement equipment. Purchasing functional surplus equipment at a substantially reduced cost provides an opportunity to reduce startup expenses, avoid lengthy procurement timelines, and ensure critical equipment is available for immediate deployment.

Background:

Many of the items required for a police department to function have both a significant cost to procure and lengthy timelines for delivery. The City of Orland has offered to transfer three surplus Crown Victoria patrol vehicles to the City of Willows for nominal consideration of $1.00 per vehicle and has also offered to sell its surplus inventory of TASER X26P conducted energy weapons and related equipment at a substantially discounted price. This unique opportunity to acquire operational equipment at a fraction of its replacement cost while preserving flexibility will expedite the City's ability to re-establish its municipal police department.

Discussion & Analysis:

The three surplus patrol vehicles allow the city to bypass costly procurement and delivery timelines for patrol vehicles in the interim and provide the City with an economical foundation for establishing an initial patrol fleet. These vehicles would also serve as reserve patrol vehicles as the City begins to expand its patrol fleet. The City of Orland has also offered to include surplus equipment designed for vehicles such as spare light bars, emergency systems and parts. The patrol vehicles will require agency graphics (e.g., paint, vinyl wrap), installation of prisoner transport partitions (e.g., cages), patrol rifle locking systems, and other agency-specific equipment. These vehicles have functioning light bars, sirens and radio equipment. The City of Willows' mechanic has inspected the vehicles and states that

they are of sufficient mechanical soundness to be incorporated back into a police patrol capacity. The replacement cost of these vehicles and equipment with comparable new or currently marketed equipment would exceed $70,000, representing significant cost savings to the City.

The tasers being offered are a model which is still supported and sold by the manufacturer. Items included are: 12-X26P Tasers (Attachment 1), holsters, training cartridges, live cartridges, programing cable and needed software. This equipment is conservatively valued at $25,000 - $30,000.

Procurement of these items will help streamline the work that needs to be done by the City of Willows in order to start the police department. Both proposed procurements represent significant cost savings to the City of Willows. These items are not intended to be the only equipment that the police department will need; however, they will fill part of the immediate need when a Police Chief is hired.

Consistency with Council Priorities and Goals:

The proposed purchase of the surplus police department equipment is consistent with the Councils stated goal of fiscal stability and public safety.

Fiscal Impact:

The total purchase price for the three surplus patrol vehicles is $3.00 (e.g., $1.00 per vehicle). The purchase price for the TASER X26P equipment package is $5,000 for a total of $5,003.

Staff estimates approximately $25,000 will be required to prepare the vehicles for patrol service, including installation of agency graphics, prisoner transport partitions (e.g., cages), patrol rifle locking systems, and other agency-specific equipment.

Attachments:

- Attachment 1: Taser Product Information