



Agenda Item: 13.B
Date of Meeting: August 12, 2024
Department: Police

STAFF REPORT

To: City Council
From: Nate Derr
Subject: **Flock Camera Agreement**
Prepared On: August 7, 2024
Attachments: CA - Bishop PD - Law Enforcement Agreement
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Background/History:

The City of Bishop currently has City Properties with no video surveillance. One of those properties is the City parking lot on Warren occupied by Tesla Chargers. The addition of the Tesla charging stations without restroom facilities has caused numerous complaints from local residents and businesses of public defecation and urination in this area.

The second camera would be placed at Talmage park. This City property has seen several vandalisms over the past years costing the City and tax payers unnecessary monetary lose. Most recently there was a \$1,500.00 hand dryer removed from the wall and broken, additionally vandalism to the locking mechanism of the men's bathroom door caused a patron to be locked in the bathroom for 30 minutes while a lock smith had to respond to open the door and let the patron out.

The Police Department has conducted extra patrols in these areas, however we are unable to monitor these areas 24 hours a day without proper surveillance cameras.

The installation of surveillance cameras at these locations will provide a proactive approach to addressing public concerns and preventing further incidents. By investing in these measures, the City can enhance safety, reduce vandalism, and improve overall community satisfaction.

Analysis/Discussion:

While researching and obtaining quotes for cameras systems, it was identified that Flock safety has become the industry standard for Law Enforcement through-out the country. This system would allow the Bishop Police Department to access Flock data from through-out the state and country leading to more efficient investigations and a higher case closure. Recently Mammoth Lakes approved eight Flock products and this would allow us to share data with them and vis versa with a simple login.

Implementing Flock Safety cameras will not only address the current issues at the City parking lot and Talmage Park but also enhance overall investigative capabilities through broader data access and collaboration. This investment in advanced surveillance technology aligns with modern law enforcement practices and supports community safety and efficiency.

Economic Impacts:

This is a one-year contract that can be renewed year over year. Although not specifically budgeted for this fiscal year (24/25) the cost able to be expensed out of current funds.

Budget Impacts:

Public Works, Community Services and the Police Department have agreed to share the overall cost for this project for this fiscal year (24/25), with plans to include this as a budgeted item for next fiscal year (25/26) if the City plans to renew the contract. The below expense accounts would need to be increased as indicated.

General Fund, Police Department, IT (001-020-52045): \$2,266.67

General Fund, Parks & Recreation, IT (001-031-52045): \$2,266.67

General Fund, Streets, IT (001-023-52045): \$2,266.66

Legal Review:

City Attorney Pucci has reviewed this item and finds that the recommended action complies with the law.

Recommended Action:

Review and approve Flock Camera agreement to provide the City with two new surveillance cameras on City property with a cost not to exceed \$7,000.00.

Approved By: Ethan Aukee 8/7/2024

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