

Memorandum

REPORT TO: City Commission

FROM: Chuck Winn, City Manager
Jim Veltkamp, Chief of Police

SUBJECT: Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Retire Police K9 "Stretch" and Execute An Agreement with Officer Braden Peterson to Transfer "Stretch."

MEETING DATE: December 9, 2025

AGENDA ITEM TYPE: Resolution

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the Resolution and Authorize the City Manager to Sign the Transfer and Hold Harmless Agreement.

STRATEGIC PLAN: 3.1 Public Safety: Support high quality public safety programs, emergency preparedness, facilities, and leadership.

BACKGROUND: Bozeman Police K9 "Stretch" was purchased and has been owned by the City since approximately September of 2021.

Since that time, K9 "Stretch" has been assigned to K9 Officer Braden Peterson. Officer Peterson has had responsibility for the training, care, and custody of K9 "Stretch." The two have done an incredible amount of work together as partners assigned to the patrol division. K9 Officer Peterson has recently announced his resignation as a K9 officer. Considering how difficult it is to effectively reassign K9 "Stretch" to another officer, especially with the minimal remaining service life left, it "Stretch" will be retired as well.

The City agrees it is in the best interest of all parties that full ownership and responsibilities for "Stretch" be transferred from the City to Officer Peterson upon "Stretch's" retirement.

UNRESOLVED ISSUES: None.

ALTERNATIVES: As suggested by the City Commission.

FISCAL EFFECTS: None.

Attachments:

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Transfer and Hold Harmless Agreement for K9 Stretch

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