

SPECIAL CALLED MEETING

MEDINA MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN

Minutes

Thursday, February 13, 2025

6:00 PM

- **Call to Order**

Mayor Betts called the meeting to order and determined a quorum.

Present were Kevin Painter, Drew Rhodes, Marc Murdaugh, and Angi Mathenia.

- **Police Department Budget Review-
including follow-up information on tasers, cell phones, department issued
firearms**

Interim Police Chief Kemper reviewed technology and firearms needed by the Police Department. He reviewed Taser needs and reported that the city could pay \$8000 annually for 5 years to purchase 6 tasers and keep them maintained thereby not obligating for a one-time annual cost. Alderman Painter made the motion to purchase tasers with cartridges/holsters/training at a cost of \$8000 annually. Alderman Rhodes seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Interim Chief Kemper discussed the need to purchase city issued handguns and rifles along with storage boxes for vehicles. After much discussion, Alderman Painter made the motion to purchase handguns and rifles with equipment needed for \$75,000 from the Camera Fund. Alderman Mathenia seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Interim Kemper reviewed the cell phones request as noted at the last board meeting. He got the best price from AT &T with the cost being approx. \$620 for equipment and monthly fee for each phone being \$42.00. The cost would be reduced by discontinuing the monthly \$25 allotment to department heads for use of their personal phones and discontinuing the current police cell phone through Verizon. It was noted that a policy would be constructed as to the restricted use of phones.

There was discussion of the need for two cameras to be installed- one at Medina Lions Park and one at Medina Community Park to enhance the safety at the parks by being able to have camera footage at all times at these facilities.

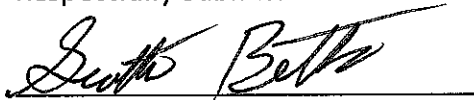
Interim Chief Kemper did not have exact cost or specs for the cameras, so it was determined to table this request until he got the information.

Interim Kemper discussed the need for Flock cameras which are LPR (license plate readers). He stated that these cameras are installed by company, owned by company, and serviced by company. The cities pay for the use of the cameras only. He noted that they are very good investigative tools and deterrents of crime. He noted the cost is \$2500 per year per camera. After much discussion, Alderman Rhodes made motion to install 4 flock cameras. Alderman Mathenia seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-1, with Alderman Murdaugh voting no. Lastly, Interim Police Chief Kemper reviewed the need for the technology of e-citations as well as court system. It was noted that Milan charges a technology fee to their citation in the amount of \$5 to supplement the cost of this program. After much discussion, Alderman Mathenia made the motion to approve the purchase the e-citation and court system \$65,000 using Camera Funds with the approval to add \$5 to court fee per ticket to be allotted to e-citation court system cost. Alderman Rhodes seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

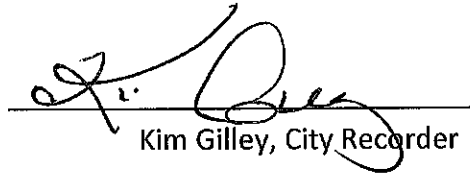
- **Rescheduling Discussion for March 2025 Mayor and Board of Aldermen Meeting**

Due to conflict of Legislative Conference on March 2-4, it is in agreeance by all that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen meeting will be changed to Monday, March 10th.

Respectfully Submitted:



Mayor Scottie Betts



Kim Gilley, City Recorder