

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING
OF THE BRAHAM CITY COUNCIL
For the Purchase of Body-Worn Cameras
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2018
7:00 P.M.

The Public Hearing was called to order with the following present: Mayor Patricia Carlson; Council Members Lowell Jaques and Jeremy Kunshier; City Administrator Sally Hoy; and Police Chief Eric Baumgart. Council Members Shawn Sullivan and Vicky Ethen were absent.

Delwayne Hahn was present from the Isanti County News and Scott McKinney was present from the Braham Journal. No one was present in the audience for the Public Hearing purpose.

This was the 2nd of the 3 required public meetings required to implement the use of Body-Worn Cameras for the Braham Police Department. The 1st Public Hearing was held on July 5, 2017 with regard to the concept of implementing the use of Body-Worn Cameras. This 2nd Public Hearing was held for comments and questions on the purchase of Body-Worn Cameras. It was reported at the January meeting that the squad cameras were old and beginning to fail, so the combination of BWCs and Squad Cameras was proposed for a cost in the range of \$34,000-\$36,000, which would be covered by Liquor Store profits.

Chief Baumgart presented the proposed purchase of Body-Worn Cameras as a system that would include a large server, and in-car squad cameras and body cams that would all sync and download to the server just by driving up to the side of the building and parking the squad. He said it is all automatic, and the officers no longer need to physically carry anything into the office to download it. He noted that every step in the old process was where some of the data could have gotten lost. Baumgart noted the server they propose to purchase is larger than their needs, so it will function for a very long time. He said this will allow the department to have redundancy and retention of the data.

Baumgart explained the server is a 4-drive system, so if one drive failed, the system wouldn't be down. He said the opportunity for failure of this system has never presented itself to WatchGuard. He told the council the video is high-definition quality. He said the squad cameras will have a panoramic view that encompasses mirror to mirror, plus the focus forward as they currently have. He said the body cams are adjustable to capture a lot. Baumgart noted the squad cameras are included in the \$35,706.00 quote from WatchGuard.

Baumgart asked if there were any questions. He was asked if the body cams had to be activated manually. He answered that they can be activated manually, but they can come on in several different ways, such as when the back door of the squad opens, when the squad reaches a certain speed, and when the lights come on. He noted the system comes with a lot of features.

Mayor Carlson asked if the officers could turn the cameras off. Baumgart answered no, and that would be a programming feature. He said obviously they can be shut off eventually, but built in the department's Lexipol Policy is the management strategy to prevent people from shutting

them off. He said they can't stop them from ever shutting them off, but they won't shut off when the lights are on. He said he thought they would have them wired so they won't shut off when the prisoner light is on. Baumgart said the policy will mandate their use for when its turned on and off.

Mayor Carlson asked if there were any other questions. Hearing none, Carlson moved, and Kunshier seconded to adjourn the public hearing. Motion carried 3-0. The hearing adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sally A. Hoy
Clerk/Administrator