HIAWATHA POLICE DEPARTMENT

Memo

To: City Administrator Downs, Mayor Bennett, Council Members

From: Dennis Marks- Police Chief

Date: November 26, 2019

Re: K-9 Reso

K-9 Handler Naaktgeboren has notified me that Reso is beginning to experience some health issues related to his service. Reso is beginning to take medication to ease the stiffness and soreness and has experienced some stamina issues on long tracks. Officer Naaktgeboren said that Reso is starting to slow down.

K-9 Reso began his service in May 2012. It is my intent to have Reso retire at the Annual Golf Outing on August 2, 2020. At his retirement, K-9 Reso will have served for 8 years and 3 months. His predecessor, Mod, served the police department for exactly 7 years. Officer Naaktgeboren stated he would like to retain Reso as a family pet similar to what we did when Mod retired.

The K-9 program has proved beneficial to this department and community. I would like to continue the program with another K-9. I have opened this potential position up internally for possible handlers. Officer Naaktgeboren has been selected as the handler should the council authorize a new dog.

All costs associated with locating and purchasing a new K-9 will be made with the K-9 fund. This fund is the fruits of Officer Naaktgeboren's efforts with organizing and running the Annual K-9 Golf Outing as well as donations.

I respectfully ask that the council authorize the intent to retire Reso on August 2nd, 2020 and also the purchase of a new K-9.

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RESOLUTION NO. 19-
City Council

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RETIREMENT OF ONE (1) K-9 SERVICE DOG RESO AND ACCEPTING THE K-9 HANDLER PURCHASE OF THE K-9 DOG

WHEREAS, the Hiawatha Police Department has one (1) K-9 service dog Reso that has been in active duty since 2005, and after receiving recommendation from the veterinarian responsible for the treatment and examination of the K-9 service dog to retire Reso by August 1, 2020, and

WHEREAS, City Council passed Resolution #05-34 on March 2, 2005 establishing a policy that authorizes the Hiawatha Police Department K-9 service handler to purchase their K-9 service dog from the City for the sum of $1.00 upon retirement of the K-9 service dog, and

WHEREAS, the K-9 handler requests the purchase of K-9 Service Dog Reso upon the dog's retirement, and

WHEREAS, City Council deems it necessary to retire K-9 service dog Reso due to arthritic conditions that have developed affecting the dog's daily duties and to allow Reso to stay with his service handler upon retirement, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HIAWATHA, IOWA, to approve the retirement of K-9 service dog Reso and accepting the purchase of Reso by the K-9 handler in the sum of $1.00.

AYES:
NAYS:
ABSENT:

PASSED AND APPROVED this 4th day of December, 2019.

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Bill Bennett, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Kari Graber, City Clerk