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	Agenda Item No. 38B Roll Call No. <u>16-1222</u> Communication No. <u>16-395</u> Submitted by: Dana Wingert, Chief of Police

AGENDA HEADING:

Approval of purchase of six (6) pole cameras from Frontier Technology, PO Box 203, Dallas Center, IA, 50063 (Kerry Northway, President).

SYNOPSIS:

The covert pole cameras can be placed in remote areas experiencing criminal activity such as neighborhood parks, public spaces, or high crime areas. The camera is concealed in a box style enclosure to protect it from weather and reduce noticeability. The cameras are elevated for a panoramic view and can be adjusted to focus on any one (1) object in the viewing area. The cameras are operated from a remote location by wireless service connectivity to a computer. The officer operating the computer can view the recordings captured by the camera in real-time or review captured recordings as needed.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$43,252.00

Funding Source: Justice Assistance Grant 2014 (JAG) Recommended Operating Budget FY 2017, page 207.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

This purchase would replace the two (2) end-of-life cameras and expand the number of cameras available by four (4) in efforts to accommodate needs for the cameras. Recently, the Department has experienced an increase in the number of requests for the cameras in neighborhood parks and other areas across the City. The pole cameras currently used by the Police Department have proven to be efficient and effective in identifying and reducing criminal activities.

The six (6) cameras would be compatible with the existing system that is currently deployed by the Police Department. The cameras operate on a defined software program for remote access and maneuverability of the cameras with which staff has operational familiarity using. The images captured by the cameras and the positioning of the cameras are connected to a computer that is in a remote location for a more secure and covert operation.

Frontier Technologies is a local supplier of these specific cameras with the covert box built around the cameras. This adds time and cost efficiencies for repairs as well as reduces the length of time the

camera is out of service. Frontier was the supplier chosen for the most recent purchase in August of 2015.

The Police Department would like to make the purchase from Frontier Technologies in accordance with the Municipal Code section 2-726 (a) (7) “provides for a non-competitive procurement of goods and/or services that are of such a nature that they are the only goods and/or services which will fit and comply with the required use, or are an integral part of a total system so as to be uniquely compatible with existing City need, materials or equipment to be cost effective”

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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