CITY OF GAUTIER
MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Dante Elbin
Chief of Police

THRU: Samantha Abell
City Manager

DATE: January 12, 2015

SUBJECT: Purchase K-9

REQUEST:

The Gautier Police Department is requesting authorization from the Mayor and City Council to purchase a K-9, (Ceasar), a 10 month old Belgian Malinois.

BACKGROUND:

The Gautier Police Department has found success in the use of K-9 dogs in the past. Last year, we were authorized to purchase (Justice) , a 2 year old Belgian Malinois. Justice has proven to be a remarkable asset in drug interdiction and crime suppression. The Gautier Police Department's ultimate goal is to place a K-9 on each shift.

DISCUSSION:

The Gautier Police Department is seeking Mayor and Council approval to purchase (Ceasar) by using asset forfeitures in the amount of $7,500.00. The quoted price includes, one year handler/K-9 certification with additional health guarantee for one (1) year. However, all additional care or expense incurred by Ceasar will need to be budgeted and paid with the general fund.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Gautier Police Department recommends that Mayor and Council authorize approval for the purchase and accept responsibility for any further expense or care for the K-9.

ATTACHMENT:

Invoice and Terms of Agreement for the K-9 (Ceasar)

Terms of Agreement

The following terms are that of Professional K9 Detection Service LLC, in regards to the sale of one Belgian Malinois "CEASAR" to the City Of Gautier MS.

- Description of canine: Intact male Belgian Malinois. Fawn in Color, with black mask. Approximately ten months of age. Country of origin, Domestic.
- Price of canine and handle course: $7,500.00 USD.
- Canine's training includes (Dual Purpose / Patrol). Narcotics detection (Passive Response) marijuana, methamphetamine, ecstasy (M.D.M.A.), powder cocaine, base cocaine and heroin. Obedience; verbal commands, hand signals / distance control, agility. Tracking, apprehension and handler protection. Tracking training is based on crushed vegetation and small amounts of human odor. Canine is not trained in scent discrimination.
- Health agreement and guarantee: The City of Gautier MS shall take all responsibility for the continued health, vaccinations and further care of the before mentioned canine upon purchase. Professional K9 Detection Service LLC guarantees, for the term of one year from the time of purchase, the before mentioned canine to be free of any preexisting injuries, illnesses or conditions that can be traced back to or prior to the time of purchase. In the event of any such condition, Professional K9 Detection Service LLC, shall replace the before mentioned canine with a canine of equal value and training, within a reasonable time and after a second medical opinion from the veterinarian of our choice. Professional K9 Detection Service LLC requires a FOURTEEN day acclimation and bonding period.
- Upon purchase of the before mentioned canine, Professional K9 Detection Service LLC shall provide training (Handler Course) and a one year NARCOTICS PATROL certification. Training shall be provided to the Handler, designated by the City of Gautier MS. In the event a future handler is needed for the before mentioned canine, another handler course and certification can be provided at an additional cost.
- The handler and or the City of Gautier MS shall retain frequent and impartial training records for the before mentioned canine and handler. In the event and limited to the term of certification, the handler's training or the canine's abilities are questioned in a court of law, Profession K9 Detection LLC will provide testimony.

Terms of agreement sale of K9 Ceasar

Notary Signature_____

Chief Dante Elbin_____

PDSK9 R Palmer _____

Witnesses

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Sales Invoice

Breed/ Age: Caesar Belgian Malinois Ten Months of age

Color: Fawn

Origin: Domestic

Condition / Sex: Male Intact

Vaccinations: Current

Training: Dual Purpose Narcotics / Patrol

Price: $7,500.00

Guarantees the animal to be free of any preexisting genetic or physical conditions that would prevent this animal from performing the narcotics detection and patrol tasks.

The above listed price includes a one year handler / K9 certification for Patrol / Narcotics Detection. Certification is only valid for the term of one year from the date of certification. Certification requires the handler / Department to maintain frequent and complete training records that comply with the current regulations, set forth by the United States Supreme Court.

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