



## Committee of the Whole Meeting – May 19, 2025 Staff Responses to Council Questions

Before each Committee of the Whole, questions posed by the City Council relating to the agenda for that evening will be posted to the City's website. Below are the responses to this week's questions.

### 3. Items of Business

#### **b. Consider Draft Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Professional Services Agreement with Fehr Graham in an Amount Not to Exceed \$67,000 for Sanitary Collection System Services.**

Q: Is the 'flow' being monitored looking at the capacity/volume or quality/content of the system?

A: Capacity and volume.

Q: What is a 'batter' in this context?

A: Should be "battery."

Q: How long has Fehr Graham provided this contracted service to the City?

A: Since 2019.

Q: How much did we pay for the contract last year?

A: \$70,000.

#### **c. Consider Draft Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Professional Services Agreement with Fehr Graham in an Amount Not to Exceed \$55,900 for Kirk Road Water Tower Painting Engineering Services.**

Q: Is this proposal just for the engineering?

A: Yes.

Q: What is budgeted for the actual painting?

A: \$640,000

Q: How did the engineering cost compare to the last time the City had any water tower painted?

A: The City last painted a water tower in 2019, and the engineering cost was \$32,500.

**d. Consider Draft Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of Two 2025 Ford Police Interceptor Pursuit Vehicles in an Amount Not to Exceed \$123,348.64 Inclusive of Transfer, Purchase, and Installation of Equipment and Exterior Graphics through State of Illinois Purchase Program/Sutton Ford Inc.**

Q: Will the vehicles being replaced be declared surplus once these are secured?

A: No. The vehicles will be re-purposed and remain within the Police Department fleet. Two other vehicles that currently serve as non-patrol cars will be declared surplus. Both of these vehicles are 2017 Ford Explorers with more than 100,000 miles.

Q: Why is one vehicle hybrid and the other not?

A: The hybrid engines are still being evaluated to determine their benefit versus the standard engines. The hybrid engines are utilizing less miles per gallon as expected; however, with different mechanical components, it is yet to be seen if the fuel savings will offset repairs and general maintenance costs. The purpose of requesting one of each is for that evaluation to continue.

Q: Is there a policy that dictates replacement at 80,000 miles?

A: No. The Police Department has found that the patrol vehicles generally reach the end of their life for daily patrol use at about four years. Depending on the length of time for manufacturing and upfitting, it is anticipated the requested new patrol vehicles will not be ready for use until December 2025 or early 2026. That estimated timeframe should be within that four-year window and still allow the department to repurpose the replaced squads.

Q: Is this our first hybrid police vehicle?

A: No, the City Council previously approved two other hybrid vehicles that were put into service in early March 2025.