



## CITY COUNCIL ACTION REPORT

August 13, 2007

TO: Phillip L. Nelson, City Manager

FROM: Susan A. Leirstein, Purchasing Director  
Charles T. Craft, Police Chief

SUBJECT: Emergency Purchase of Firearms Ammunition

### **Background**

- On May 21, 2007, the Police department pre-reserved 100,000 rounds of .223 caliber ammunition in anticipation of the purchasing of patrol rifles. This pre-ordering was made with Michigan Police Equipment, who holds the state contract. Michigan Police Equipment told the Police department that the ammunition would be delivered within three (3) months. The cost of this purchase was to be \$26,000.00, or \$262.00 per thousand rounds.
- This ammunition is required to complete transition training to the new patrol rifle platform and allow the rifles to be placed into service.
- On August 7, 2007, the Police department inquired as to the delivery status of the ammunition and was told that the ammunition wouldn't be available until January 2008 at the earliest.
- The Police department conducted a survey into the availability of .223 ammunition with other Police departments and ammunition distributors.
- All Police departments are currently, or have been, waiting for six (6) to nine (9) months for delivery of their ammunition orders.
- All ammunition distributors indicated the lead-time on ammunition delivery to their customers is six (6) months at best.
- The Police department was able to locate an ammunition supplier, Jerry's Sports Center of Forest City, PA, who had 109,000 rounds of imported ammunition available to purchase. The cost of this purchase is \$31,882.50, or \$292.50 per thousand rounds.
- Based on experience, the Police department realized that this shipment of ammunition would be sold within hours if there were no immediate purchase made.
- There is a nation-wide shortage of .223 ammunition, due to the war in Iraq and Afghanistan, and the increased cost of raw materials to manufacture ammunition.
- The Police department is committed to protecting the citizens of Troy and recognizes the need to purchase this ammunition outside the normal municipal purchasing parameters.

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### **Financial Considerations**

- Funds are available in the 2007/08 Police Operating budget for this purchase, Account #322.7740.012.

### **Legal Considerations**

- The purchase of this ammunition falls within an emergency situation, approved by the City Manager and reported to City Council at the next regularly scheduled meeting, in accordance with Chapter 7, Purchases, Contracts, & Sales, paragraph 9.
- There are no other vendors readily available to deliver this item.
- Prvi-Partizan Inc., a Serbian ammunition company, manufactures the .223 caliber ammunition.
- The .223 caliber ammunition meets all NATO, SAMMI and MIL-Spec M195 specifications, which are used by American ammunition manufacturers.

### **Policy Considerations**

- This project will enhance both the safety of the community and the Police officers who service them. (Goal I)

### **Options**

- City management and the Police department request Council's confirmation of the purchase of .223 caliber ammunition from the sole known supplier, Jerry's Sports Center located in Forest City, PA, at an estimated cost of \$31,882.50, plus freight.

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