



**GARDINER CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA ITEM INFORMATION SHEET**



Meeting Date	06/19/2019	Department	Police
Agenda Item	4.8 Proposal from Chief Toman regarding a radio enhancement, safety of the officers, and possible purchase of a new radio system		
Est. Cost	Not to Exceed \$50,000		

Background Information

The Gardiner Police Department is experiencing significant challenges (dead spots) communicating via portable radio when an officer is located inside buildings in the downtown/historic district. Recently an incident occurred where an officer could not call for assistance with his portable radio due to his location within a building. Stop gap measures have been in place for years in an attempt to save money and we've been unable to secure grant funding to fix the communication issue. The current stop gap measure has its own limitations and it requires all officers to carry multiple pieces of radio equipment instead of just one in order to communicate. The proposed system upgrade will allow only one piece of equipment to be carried and a one button push to talk system. This will have the radio always choosing the strongest and best signal in a way that is seamless and instantaneous to the end user regardless of the officer's location.

Due to the unexpected nature of this request, the use of undesignated fund balance is recommended. Further, it is requested that the current 30 day bid process be waived due to emergent/officer safety issue and it is also requested that this project be awarded to Radio Communications Management (RCM). RCM is the company that was awarded the Libby Hill tower job and they are intimately familiar with the current infrastructure of our system.

*video will be shown

Requested Action	'I move to waive the bid process and approve the purchase of a new radio system from RCM with an amount not to exceed \$50,000; the funding to be taken from the undesignated fund balance.'
City Manager and/or Finance Review	The City Manager recommends the above action.
Council Vote/ Action Taken	
Departmental Follow-Up	

City Clerk Use Only	1 st Reading _____	Advertised _____	EFFECTIVE DATE _____
	2 nd Reading _____	Advertised _____ w/in 15 Days	
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