R E S O L U T I O N
NO 22-112

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE USE OF AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) FUNDS TO PURCHASE BODY WORN CAMERA AND ACCESSORY EQUIPMENT FOR THE COUNCIL BLUFFS POLICE DEPARTMENT.

WHEREAS, Body Worn Cameras (BWC) have become an essential piece of equipment in the American public safety profession. A BWC provides an independent source of audio and video that enhances our officers' abilities to effectively document their interactions with the public; and

WHEREAS, In June of 2021, CBPD entered into an agreement with Keltek, Inc. to purchase, install, and deploy body worn cameras, upfit marked cruisers to allow the BWC and in-car cameras to collaborate, install redaction software, and other accessory equipment necessary for the system to function properly; and

WHEREAS, Since that time, the Police Department has worked diligently to implement and deploy the BWC system. A BWC has been issued to each Uniform Division Officer and is being carried by many of the officers in specialty positions. As a result, we have captured countless hours of critical details and citizen encounters that were unavailable before.

WHEREAS, Due to an increase in staffing the Police Department is requesting to use up to $12,000 of ARPA funds to purchase 10 additional BWC and accessory equipment. The General Fund dollars were initially used to fund the project.

WHEREAS, In reviewing the project with City Project Manager Kim Riebe and Finance Director Kristi Meckna, we are confident this project still fits the rules and guidelines and is eligible for the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds. Additionally, Mayor Matt Walsh recommends the use of ARPA funds for this project; and

WHEREAS, Use of these funds for this project will enhance our efforts in the prevention, mitigation, and in response to Covid-19 and future pandemic events. It will also augment our capability to prevent, mitigate, and respond to incidents of gun and other types of violence resulting from the impacts of the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, The obligation of $230 000.00 in ARPA funds was authorized in resolution 22-33. The procurement of equipment and services stands at $225,257.51, leaving a balance of $4,742.49. The expected cost to purchase 10 additional cameras is $15,376.08. We are requesting Council approve an additional $12,000.00, for a total ARPA obligation of $242,000.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED
BY THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE
CITY OF COUNCIL BLUFFS, IOWA

The costs for the purchase of the additional body worn cameras and accessory equipment be funded by American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) monies.

ADOPTED
AND
APPROVED April 25, 2022

Matthew J. Walsh, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jodi Quakenbush, City Clerk