**REQUEST FOR COMMITTEE ACTION**

Referred to Committee: December 14, 2023

Subject: FLOCK ALPR Contract Extension / Expansion

Staff Contact: Chris Zito, Chief of Police

Department: Police

**TITLE:** FLOCK SAFETY ALPR CONTRACT EXTENSION / EXPANSION

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve an agreement with Flock Safety to extend our current contract for a five-year period and determine if the City Council wishes to expand the number of ALPRs throughout the City of Wood Dale.

**BACKGROUND:**

In June of 2022 the City Council approved a two-year agreement with Flock Safety to provide a camera system consisting of twenty-three ALPRs installed throughout the City of Wood Dale.

To date the FLOCK ALPR program has been a huge success.  These cameras assist us in solving crimes and making arrests based upon the real-time intelligence information that is being gathered from this system.  We currently have twenty of twenty-three contracted cameras installed and we are awaiting permitting for the remaining three cameras.

On April 1, 2023, Flock Safety initiated a price increase of $500 per camera, raising the annual cost from $2,500 per camera to $3,000 per camera for all new contracts. Flock Safety is currently offering a five-year contract extension to lock in our current pricing of $2,500 per camera.

During this past year, several City Council members have inquired about adding additional FLOCK ALPRs throughout the City of Wood Dale. At the time we had less than 50% of our ALPRs installed and I wished to wait and see how the program was working once we had a majority of the ALPRs installed.

With 87% of the contracted cameras installed, I am extremely happy with the success we are seeing with the ALPR program, and I am in favor of expanding the number of ALPRs throughout the City of Wood Dale.

Flock Safety is currently offering a $500 discount per camera on the current $3,000 camera cost for any new cameras that we would like to add to expand our current system.

In order to take advantage of either the contract extension or program expansion at the discounted rate, we would need to sign a new agreement before the end of the current calendar year.

**ANALYSIS:**

At the end of our current two-year contract in 2024, our annual costs to continue our current system of twenty-three ALPRs will increase from $60,000 to $72,500 per year.

In order to continue the ALPR program and take advantage of the discounts being offered, I’m recommending that the City Council proceed with one of the following options:

*Option 1 – Contract Extension*

Proceeding with a five-year contract extension of our current FLOCK ALPR program would save the City of Wood Dale a minimum of $57,500 in total over the next five years.

The annual cost to maintain the ALPR program of twenty-three cameras would be $61,000 per year.

A five-year agreement to maintain our existing ALPR program of twenty-three cameras would be at a cost not to exceed $305,000.00

*Option 2 – Contract Extension & Expansion*

Based upon the success of the program and City Council inquires I’ve received on expanding the program, I asked Flock Safety to provide me with a recommendation on expanding our program. This ALPR expansion would eliminate current gaps in coverage at entrance points into the City of Wood Dale and additional ALPRs to heavily travelled areas throughout the City of Wood Dale.

Flock Safety has recommended fifteen additional locations throughout the City of Wood Dale where ALPRs could be installed to expand coverage. The additional cost for adding fifteen new cameras would be $37,500 annually, with professional service fees of $5,750 in the first year only.

The annual total cost to maintain an ALPR program of thirty-eight cameras would be $98,500 per year. The first-year cost would be $104,250 which includes the professional service fees of $5,750 for the 15 new cameras.

A five-year agreement for an ALPR program consisting of 38 cameras would be at a cost not to exceed $498,250.00.

The following link shows the current deployment locations of our existing twenty-three cameras as well as the proposed deployment locations if we were to expand the program by adding fifteen additional cameras:

<https://planner.flocksafety.com/public/siting/ad3da7e4-5ea9-4a08-8582-3685e4d9181a>.

If the City Council wishes to proceed with either Option 1 or Option 2, staff will prepare the appropriate resolution for passage at the next City Council meeting.

**DOCUMENTS ATTACHED**

* Flock Safety Agreement