

TOWN OF LITTLETON

PUBLIC HEARING

Purchase of Police Department Vehicles

August 13, 2019

6:15 p.m.

The Littleton Town Board of Commissioners met for a Public Hearing, Tuesday, August 13, 2019, at 6:15 p.m. in the Littleton Town Hall to receive comments pertaining to the purchase of two police vehicles and equipment for the Littleton Police Department. Funding for the proposed project will be through funding provided by USDA Rural Development.

Mayor Owen Scott called the meeting to order. Present were Commissioners Gerleen Pitchford, Bonita Knight, Ophelia Gould-Faison, and Steve Barcelo. Commissioner Don Spragins had an excused absence.

Mayor Scott turned the floor over to Commissioner Pitchford. Commissioner Pitchford explained the police department had applied for a grant/loan with USDA Rural Development to purchase two vehicles. One vehicle will be a 2020 Ford F150 truck and the other is a 2020 Ford Explorer. The amount requested was \$100,000. The town would be responsible for a \$50,000 loan and \$50,000 would come from USDA.

Carolyn Harmon asked how many vehicles were in the police department currently. Chief Trivette explained there were three. He stated the vehicles were older and continually needed repairs. Chief Trivette said the department did not have enough vehicles for their officers. When the part-time officers were on duty there was not an extra vehicle for their use.

Buddy Isles, Sr., stated the need for the police getting new vehicles was long overdue. He also said it was cheaper to buy a new vehicle than keep repairing old ones. Mr. Isles asked how much the monthly payment would be. Commissioner Pitchford said she did not have exact figures, but the yearly payments were around \$8000. Chief Trivette showed pictures of the vehicles with the color scheme and printing on them.

Commissioner Barcelo made a motion; seconded by Commissioner Pitchford to close the Public Hearing. Motion voted and carried unanimously. The public hearing was closed at 6:25 p.m.



Ellen M. Eller, Town Clerk