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Police and Fire Departments

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Tuesday, December 9, 2025 - 5:00 PM**  
**South Conference Room**

**Agenda**

- 1) Call to Order and Roll Call**
- 2) Approval of Meeting Minutes**
  - a) Meeting minutes of October 14, 2025
- 3) Resolutions**
  - a) **RESOLUTION 4250** - A Resolution Authorizing the Acquisition of One (1) Dodge Durango Sport Utility Vehicle from Ewald Automotive Group, Hartford, Wisconsin, and the Procurement and Installation of Related Equipment from Taft Outfitting, Oshkosh, Wisconsin for a Total Cost Not to Exceed \$47,741
  - b) **RESOLUTION 4251** - A Resolution Approving a Change to the Southern Ozaukee Fire and EMS Department's Capital Improvement Program to Authorize the Purchase of One (1) Ambulance from American Response Vehicles of Columbia, Missouri for \$333,110
- 4) Adjourn**

DATED: December 4, 2025

/s/ Gregg Bach, Chair

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Police and Fire Departments

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**  
**Tuesday, October 14, 2025**  
**5:30 PM**  
**South Conference Room**

**Minutes**

1) Call to Order and Roll Call

**Present:**

Alderman Dale Mayr

Alderman Kelly Tolocko

Chair Gregg Bach -- **Absent**

Also Present: Fire Chief Bialk, City Attorney Brian Sajdak, Assistant City Administrator Jessica Wolf, Administrative Coordinator Bowen

2) Approve Meeting Minutes

- a. Public Safety Committee - Regular Meeting - Sep 9, 2025 5:45 PM

**RESULT:** Accepted [Unanimous]

**MOVED BY:** Alderman Tolocko

**SECONDED BY:** Alderman Mayr

**AYES:** Mayr, Tolocko

**ABSENT:** Bach

3) Resolutions

**Action requested: review and recommend approval**

- a. **RESOLUTION 4236** A Resolution Approving the Annual Budget and Authorizing an Exception to the Levy Limit for Charges for the Southern Ozaukee Fire & Emergency Medical Services Department, Pursuant to Wisconsin Statute 66.0602(3)(h) for Fiscal Year 2026

Chief Bialk discussed the proposed resolution approving the 2026 annual budget and authorizing an exception to the levy limit for the Southern Ozaukee Fire Department.

**RESULT:** Approved by Voice Acclamation [Unanimous]

**MOVED BY:** Alderman Tolocko

**SECONDED BY:** Alderman Mayr

**AYES:** Mayr, Tolocko

**ABSENT:** Bach

4) Adjourn

a. Motion to Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made at 5:39 PM.

**RESULT:**                **Approved by Voice Acclamation [Unanimous]**

**MOVED BY:**         Alderman Tolocko

**SECONDED BY:**     Alderman Mayr

<b>AYES:</b> Mayr, Tolocko
<b>ABSENT:</b> Bach

Respectfully Submitted,

*Melina Bowen*

*Administrative Coordinator*



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Police

**TO: Public Safety Committee**  
**FROM: Mark Riley, Chief of Police**  
**DATE: December 9, 2025**  
**SUBJECT: RESOLUTION 4250 - A Resolution Authorizing the Acquisition of One (1) Dodge Durango Sport Utility Vehicle from Ewald Automotive Group, Hartford, Wisconsin, and the Procurement and Installation of Related Equipment from Taft Outfitting, Oshkosh, Wisconsin for a Total Cost Not to Exceed \$47,741**

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### **Background**

The Mequon Police Department has implemented a safety plan that includes a structured schedule for the replacement of its vehicles. This plan ensures that the fleet remains reliable and operationally effective, minimizing the risk of vehicle failures during critical emergency situations. For several years, the Department has adhered to a policy of replacing vehicles that meet one or more of the following criteria:

1. Approaching or exceeding 100,000 miles,
2. Accumulating a high hour usage count, or
3. Exhibiting significant signs of wear and tear because of their use in emergency services.

In alignment with this safety plan, the Department is proposing to replace one (1) of its current vehicles. The vehicle is a 2018 Ford Interceptor which is approaching the 100,000-mile threshold, has a high hour count and is showing signs of significant wear, making it a candidate for replacement under the Department's established guidelines. This replacement is necessary to ensure that the Department continues to operate a fleet that is dependable, safe, and capable of meeting the demands of law enforcement duties in the City of Mequon.

### **Analysis**

The Ford Interceptor currently serves as a vehicle used for training and has been in service since 2017 and is approaching 100,000 miles. It is anticipated to exceed this mileage by the time its replacement is operational.

Furthermore, the hour count on this vehicle is significantly higher than the mileage alone suggests replacement, due to the necessary idle time previously required to power essential equipment such as a radio, computer and camera, which all rely on the vehicle's electrical

system.

The proposed action is to purchase a 2026 Dodge Durango as an administrative vehicle, along with associated equipment.

Upon receipt of the new vehicle, the Police Department will collaborate with the City's Fleet Division to determine whether the decommissioned vehicle should be transferred to the Department of Public Works, integrated into the broader City fleet, or auctioned.

The Police Department has obtained a bid from Ewald Automotive Group, the dealership awarded the State of Wisconsin bid. This purchase adheres to the City's financial policies, utilizing a cooperative purchasing arrangement such as the State bid list or Wisconsin VendorNet. Ewald Automotive has been a longstanding supplier of squads to the City, with other dealerships indicating they cannot match the state bid pricing.

Historically, Ewald has delivered vehicles to the Mequon Police Department within approximately 180 days from the order date. Ewald is currently accepting orders for 2026 Dodge Durangos. They also offer an efficient invoice process, streamlining vehicle acquisition for the Department.

Ewald has agreed to a price of \$39,970 for the 2026 Dodge Durango, based on the specified requirements.

**Fiscal Impact**

The replacement of the one squad totals \$39,970. The purchase and installation of all associated equipment by Taft Outfitting of Oshkosh, WI, is estimated to cost \$6,757, bringing the total project cost to \$46,727. Sufficient capital funds have been budgeted for this procurement.

Given the potential delay in vehicle delivery and the additional wear on the current vehicle, staff recommends approving a not-to-exceed amount of \$47,741. This includes a 15% equipment contingency for any additional services that may be required from Taft Outfitting due to unforeseen issues related to prolonged use of existing equipment, or parts that may become necessary during the transition when the new squad arrives.

**Recommendation**

A recommendation is forthcoming from the Public Safety Committee on December 9, 2025.

Attachments:

None

COMMON COUNCIL  
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RESOLUTION - 4250

A Resolution Authorizing the Acquisition of One (1) Dodge Durango Sport Utility Vehicle from Ewald Automotive Group, Hartford, Wisconsin, and the Procurement and Installation of Related Equipment from Taft Outfitting, Oshkosh, Wisconsin for a Total Cost Not to Exceed \$47,741.

**RECITALS**

- A. The City of Mequon Police Department provides 24-hour police service 365 days per year, and has a plan for scheduled replacement of police vehicles.
- B. Consistent with that replacement schedule, staff requested quotes on the purchase of one sport utility vehicle, specifically a model year 2026 Dodge Durango Sport Utility and researched the associated equipment and installation costs.
- C. Ewald Automotive Group used the State of Wisconsin procurement process for the replacement of one (1) vehicle, and Taft Outfitting of Oshkosh will provide the equipment and installation.
- D. Staff recommends the purchase of the vehicle and the associated equipment from funds set aside each year for this purpose.

BASED UPON THE FOREGOING RECITALS, IT IS RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Mequon, Wisconsin that:

1. Staff is hereby directed to enter into a purchase agreement to replace one existing police squad with Ewald Automotive Group; and to purchase and install the associated equipment with Taft Outfitting in a total amount not-to-exceed \$47,741, subject to any clerical, technical and/or legal changes deemed necessary and appropriate by the City Attorney.
2. Funds for this purchase will be from the Police Vehicle Replacement Account.

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Approved by: Andrew Nerbun, Mayor

Date Approved: December 9, 2025

I certify that the foregoing Ordinance was adopted by the Common Council of the City of Mequon, Wisconsin, at a meeting held on December 9, 2025.

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Caroline Fochs, City Clerk



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**Fire and EMS**

**TO: Public Safety Committee**  
**FROM: David Bialk, Fire Chief**  
**DATE: December 9, 2025**  
**SUBJECT: RESOLUTION 4251 - A Resolution Approving a Change to the Southern Ozaukee Fire and EMS Department's Capital Improvement Program to Authorize the Purchase of One (1) Ambulance from American Response Vehicles of Columbia, Missouri for \$333,110**

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**Background**

Since the merger of the City of Mequon and Village of Thiensville Fire Departments, the Southern Ozaukee Fire Department has maintained a fleet of five ambulances. The Department currently only needs four ambulances, however, given the age and high mileage of the current fleet, a decision has been made to maintain five for the foreseeable future. When the new ambulance arrives, an assessment will be carried out on the current fleet, and consideration will be given to selling off the ambulance that is least suitable for daily operations. The following list shows the year, make, and mileage of each current ambulance:

- 2004 Chevy Ambulance 552: 21 years old/70,890 miles
- 2004 Chevy Ambulance 551: 21 years old/68,240 miles
- 2014 Ford Ambulance 952: 11 years old/121,052 miles
- 2017 Ford Ambulance 950: 8 years old/134,093 miles
- 2024 Chevy Ambulance 951: 1 year old/22,091 miles

The goal of SOFD is to maintain a fleet of four ambulances and rotate ambulances out after 12 years of service. A new ambulance was ordered by the Department in 2024 with an expected delivery date next year. Given that the lead time is still two years to build an ambulance, another ambulance needs to be ordered now so a predictable replacement schedule can be maintained.

**Analysis**

A specification for a new ambulance was developed using the existing ambulances as a template. The Fire Department specifications were sent out to three different vendors for quotes, and three quotes were returned ranging from \$329,645 - \$338,633, as enumerated below:

Braun Ambulances: \$338,633  
American Response Vehicles: \$333,110

Osage Ambulances: \$329,645

All proposals met the department's specifications and varied by only about \$9,000. While American Response Vehicles (ARV) did not submit the lowest bid, staff identified operational advantages in its design. ARV offers a traditional wiring system rather than the more complex multiplex systems proposed by the other vendors. Staff determined that the simpler wiring configuration is likely to reduce maintenance complexity, increase long-term reliability, and lower lifecycle repair costs - an important consideration given the Department's practice of maintaining ambulances for extended service lives.

**Fiscal Impact**

According to the Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Mequon and the Village of Thiensville, SOFD may make expenditures from its capital improvement budget after said budget has been approved by the two municipalities. Here, the purchase of the ambulance from American Response Vehicles was not part of the approved capital improvement budget. The SOFD Board's approval of the purchase constitutes a budget amendment.

Using staff's recommendation for purchasing from ARV, the cost of the vehicle will be \$333,110. There will be some value to selling one of the older ambulances, however it is too difficult to predict income from the sale given how long it will take to build a new ambulance. There is currently \$1,386,948 in the SOFD Capital Fund.

**Recommendation**

On November 12, 2025, the Southern Ozaukee Fire & EMS Board of Directors approved a recommendation in favor of approving the proposed purchase by a vote of 5-0. A recommendation from the Public Safety Committee is forthcoming on December 9, 2025.

Attachments:

None

COMMON COUNCIL  
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RESOLUTION - 4251

A Resolution Approving a Change to the Southern Ozaukee Fire and EMS Department's Capital Improvement Program to Authorize the Purchase of One (1) Ambulance from American Response Vehicles of Columbia, Missouri for \$333,110

**RECITALS**

A. The City of Mequon and Village of Thiensville have entered into an Intergovernmental Agreement establishing the Southern Ozaukee Fire & Emergency Medical Services Department.

B. The Southern Ozaukee Fire & Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Department (SOFD) provides 24-hour fire and EMS service 365 days per year.

C. The SOFD has a plan for scheduled replacement of Fire & EMS vehicles.

D. Consistent with this schedule, the Department requested bids on a replacement vehicle, specifically a 2028 Ford Ambulance.

E. American Response Vehicles of Columbia, Missouri provided a competitive bid and met the intent of the specifications in the amount of \$333,110.

F. Adequate funds are available for this purchase in the SOFD Capital Equipment Replacement Fund, Account #30100.

G. The SOFD Board approved the purchase of a replacement ambulance at their November 12, 2025, meeting, which constitutes an amendment to SOFD's approved capital budget.

H. Any changes to SOFD's Capital Improvement Program (CIP) budget must be approved by both communities.

I. The Public Safety Committee recommended approval of the proposed budget amendment to purchase the ambulance at their December 9, 2025, meeting.

BASED ON THE FOREGOING RECITALS, IT IS RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Mequon that the SOFD capital improvement budget amendment to authorize the Agreement for the Purchase of a 2028 Replacement Ambulance from American Response Vehicles of Sumner, of Columbia, Missouri in the amount of \$333,110, is approved.

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Approved by: Andrew Nerbun, Mayor

Date Approved: December 9, 2025

I certify that the foregoing Ordinance was adopted by the Common Council of the City of Mequon, Wisconsin, at a meeting held on December 9, 2025.

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Caroline Fochs, City Clerk