



NOTES TO COUNCIL

To: Honorable Mayor and City Councilors
From: Michael Spurgeon, City Manager
Date: March 19, 2021
Re: Notes to Council

1. STAFF REPORTS / ITEMS REQUIRING IMMEDIATE ATTENTION

- N/A

2. GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE / NOTIFICATION

- Press Release – Broken Arrow Police Department to purchase Tesla

3. SPECIAL EVENTS / ACTIVITIES

- N/A

Respectfully submitted

Michael Spurgeon

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Attachments



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SECTION 1 - STAFF REPORTS

For Immediate Release

Date: March 17, 2021

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CBA Release No. 21-13

Broken Arrow Police Department to purchase Tesla

First Police Department in the state to use electric car in patrol

Broken Arrow, Okla. – At their regular March 16th, 2021 meeting, the Broken Arrow City Council approved the purchase of a Tesla “Model Y” vehicle for the Police Department, which is a long-range all-wheel drive Crossover SUV. This will be the first all-electric police patrol vehicle deployed in the state of Oklahoma.

The new vehicle will be assigned to a traffic unit officer to replace an aging patrol vehicle. Although the initial cost is significantly higher than traditional gasoline-powered patrol vehicles at approximately \$52,000, the cost of ownership over the vehicle's life will be considerably less. This savings is generated not only by lower fuel costs but by significantly reduced maintenance costs.

“The police department has been exploring alternate types of vehicles for several years. This purchase gives us the opportunity to upgrade one of our vehicles as well as diversify the fleet,” said Chief Brandon Berryhill. “We are always looking for ways to maximize our department’s resources while providing the best public safety services to our residents.”

The police department tested a Tesla for one week and determined it exceeded the required needs of a police patrol vehicle. This is currently the only all-electric vehicle capable of meeting patrol needs, including the required battery life. The proposed long-range model provides a range of 326 miles between charges.

Funds have been appropriated for this purchase in the Police Department's portion of the Sales Tax Capital Improvement Fund. Like all municipalities in Oklahoma, Broken Arrow depends on sales tax revenue to fund essential services. Sales tax is generated within Broken Arrow when consumers purchase goods and dine out in our community. Once the purchase is complete, delivery will take approximately 60-90 days.

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Located in northeast Oklahoma, Broken Arrow is the fourth largest city in the State of Oklahoma, with an estimated population of over 113,000 people spread out over 61 square miles. The City of Broken Arrow operates under a Council-Manager form of government with over 800



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employees. Broken Arrow is home to the third largest manufacturing hub in the state, with many employees working in the energy sector. Residents in Broken Arrow enjoy a high quality of life, characterized by low crime, high performing schools, affordable housing and easy access to many parks and recreational facilities. The City of Broken Arrow sets the standard by providing the best municipal programs and services.

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SECTION 2 - GENERAL



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SECTION 3 - SPECIAL EVENTS