

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: CITY FACILITY SECURITY CAMERA SYSTEM

BACKGROUND:

Portions of City Hall are covered by a security camera system. This system is primarily employed in areas of the building used for Police activities and in the Community Center. The Police Department portion of City Hall was remodeled in multiple phases over the past several years. In reviewing the existing camera system, it was determined that a new, centrally hosted system could replace the aging equipment, providing effective coverage for the remodeled areas in City Hall and better image quality.

In addition to the need for new cameras at City Hall, the Parks and Recreation Department has identified that the security cameras at the Ames/ISU Ice Arena are also in need of replacement. Newer camera systems offer the option of utilizing a centrally hosted system, which allows for integration of cameras at multiple facilities with the same system backbone. Such a system could be further expanded to other City facilities where the necessary network connections exist at the cost of only the additional cameras.

City staff initiated an RFP for a centrally hosted camera system to meet the City's needs. A team of Information Technology, Police, Parks and Recreation, and Facilities staff reviewed the submittals and chose Communication Innovators as the preferred vendor.

The total cost to provide equipment and installation to City Hall and the Ames/ISU Ice Arena is \$63,393. This cost would be split between the involved facilities, with City Hall responsible for \$41,231 and the Ice Arena responsible for \$22,162. The Ice Arena funding will come from the Parks and Recreation operational budget, which contains \$25,000 for this purpose. City Hall has funding in the amount of \$40,000 from one-time savings in the General Fund during fiscal year 2015/16 that were carried forward into FY 2016/17. The remaining \$1,231 will come from the City Hall Maintenance Capital Improvement Program.

Funding Source	Amount
General Fund Carryover	\$ 40,000
City Hall Maintenance CIP	1,231
Parks and Recreation Operating Budget	22,162
TOTAL	\$ 63,393

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve a purchase contract with Communication Innovators for the Security Camera System Project in the amount of \$63,393.
2. Do not approve this project.

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

By installing a new security camera system, the City will have a centrally hosted system and improved equipment for the safety and security of City Hall and the Ice Arena. This system will also allow for future expansion throughout the City.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1 as described above.