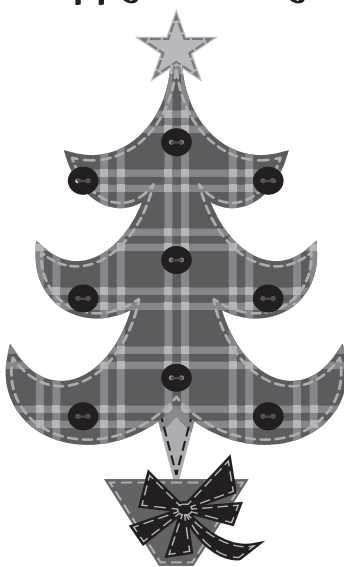


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Council from A1



CGPD Chief Scott Shepherd presents to the city council on Monday, Dec. 10.

general fund to finance the purchase of new firearms for the department and approval to transfer its non-emergency calls to a new recording system.

Shepherd informed the council that the current firearms used by the department—Glock 21s—were more than 10 years old and in need of new night sights. The replacement costs were estimated at \$4,375.

“The need for replacing the night sights brought forward a discussion and opportunity to replace the current handguns and purchase 9mm handguns for a minimal investment,” Shepherd wrote in his request to the board.

The police chief cited a cost savings for the switch but also noted the department has hired new officers with smaller hands and the 9mm would provide an easier fit.

“I want to just make clear that our officers have qualified at

every level,” Shepherd told the council, noting that the officers could continue to use the larger firearm but the Glock 17 the department was requesting had more advantages. Officers could keep hold more ammunition, place more shots on the target and increased officer comfort.

Additionally, Shepherd said ammunition for the new guns would be cheaper than the current firearms.

The department plans to sell its current guns for approximately \$400 each, totaling \$14,000 and purchase 30 9mm handguns for \$12,270—or \$409 each.

Shepherd also informed the council that the department lost its ability to record non-emergency calls after a recent server failure and would need to replace the system.

“Police radio traffic and 911

lines are currently recording using a multimedia logging Stencil Recording System,” Shepherd wrote. He told the board that non-emergency calls could be shifted to this system as well for a service cost of approximately \$2,670.

The board approved both requests.

Last meeting:

After eight years, Burback saw is last city council meeting having lost his seat to Candace Lamb-Solsbee in the November election. Councilor Kenneth Roberts, Jake Boone, Mayor Jeff Gowing and City Manager Richard Meyers thanked Burback—who turned his name plate upside down for this last meeting—for his service.

Birthday from A1

attendants — without the assistance of a walker.

“She gets up and dresses herself,” Epperson said.

Whetham, however, is not a ‘joiner,’ according to her tablemates. She doesn’t play bingo or partake in other group activities but she’s an

avid reader and has one of the only painted bedrooms in Magnolia Gardens — a light shade of pink.

Whetham was married twice; first to Lorne Warner who passed away after a battle with cancer, then to Henry Whetham.

She had two sons, one who she outlived and another who resides on the

coast.

Whetham isn’t one to talk about herself but a hum of “tell what the doctor said,” emerges from the group when Epperson steps up as the messenger.

“The doctor said she should use a walker,” Epperson said. “Vickie told him, ‘walkers are for old people.’”

Report from A10

The costs have gone up year-to-year with 2014 at \$11,978.80, 2015

at \$19,054.38, 2016 at \$26,397.12 and 2017 at \$30,297. With the \$9,631 of maintenance on the books for this year, the total of the last five years is currently at

\$97,358.30. Payments that were further back were not presented nor were maintenance costs of other schools around the district to compare.

The next five years of maintenance would cost an estimated \$744,000 with \$353,000 of that being covered by bond dollars.

When asked about the validity of the estimated costs by the board, Allen stood by the figures.

“I think that’s pretty accurate, actually,” he said. Adding, “This isn’t just pulling numbers out of the air. We kind of accommodated what that would take.”

Allen was then asked about how long the building would be able to last if all these things were done to help improve it.

“I’m not good at that. It’s somebody smarter than me to tell me. But I know if you’ve got a good roof, you’ve got good siding and your building envelope is tight and you are heating it well and it’s ventilated well and you’re moving air: buildings last,” he said.

If Latham were to close, it would cost the district a one-time fee of between \$10,000 and \$15,000 to stop using the school but keep it in good condition. That does not include heating prices that would continue while it is closed until a decision would be made on the property.

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