

## Resolution #2016-10

To Approve ADPS Gun Purchase Program and Purchase of New Pistols

**Purpose and Finding:** The Albion Department of Public Safety currently uses various .40 caliber Glocks as the service weapons for the department. Many of the department's pistols are in need of repair or replacement parts. ADPS has investigated the costs of purchasing 30 new 9mm glock pistols to replace the existing weapons. Also, converting from a .40 caliber weapon to 9mm will allow for savings in terms of the costs of ammunition. Furthermore, both the Michigan State Police and the Calhoun County Sheriff's Department both use 9mm weapons. Switching to 9mm weapons would allow all agencies to interchange magazines and ammunition. The total cost would be \$12,270.00. Given that the total purchase price is an amount that exceeds \$5,000.00, pursuant to Albion Ordinance 2-384, approval of the council is necessary for this expenditure. ADPS respectfully requests the approval of the same.

Additionally, to offset the costs of purchasing the new weapons, ADPS proposes a Gun Purchase Program. This program would allow officers to purchase their current duty pistol for \$200.00. Assuming all of the officers opted to do so, this would generate revenue in the amount of \$3,400.00 (17 x \$200.00).

ADPS further proposes to sell the remaining pistols via [www.gunbroker.com](http://www.gunbroker.com). Gunbroker.com is a sale by bid service similar to an auction which would allow the remaining pistols to be sold for \$400.00 each, resulting in an additional \$8,400.00 in revenue. (21 x \$400.00). Gunbroker.com promotes responsible gun ownership and ensures ownership policies and regulations are followed using licensed firearms dealers as transfer agents.

It is anticipated that the total sales will actually exceed the estimated numbers provided above. However, in the event that there is any shortfall the difference will be made up from either the forfeiture account or the public safety equipment fund.

Council Member French moved, supported by Council Member Krause, to approve the following resolution.

**RESOLVED**, that the Albion Department of Public Safety is hereby authorized to purchase 30 9mm Glock pistols as described herein;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Albion Department of Public Safety may initiate a gun purchase program and offer to sell current Albion Public Safety Officers their duty weapons for \$200.00;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Albion Department of Public Safety is authorized to sell the remaining weapons via [www.gunbroker.com](http://www.gunbroker.com).

I hereby certify that the above resolution was adopted on February 1, 2016, in a regular session of the Albion City Council, and this is a true copy of that resolution.

Ayes 7

Nays 0

Absent 0

  
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Jill Domingo, Albion City Clerk



# Albion Department of Public Safety

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To: Albion City Council

From: Chief Scott Kipp

Date: 1/25/16

RE: Firearms Purchase

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I currently have been working with Michigan Police Equipment to exchange our current firearms that were purchased in 2008 for new firearms. Currently ADPS has 38 Glock pistols, 24 that were purchased in 2008 and the remainder came from the State Police prior to 2008. The 24 purchased in 2008 are Generation 3 Glock pistols. The current generation of Glock pistol is Generation 4. The current market value for a Glock pistol is more than \$400. The following is the proposal to replace the current 38 Glock pistols with 30 new Glock 19 pistols.

Current inventory:

10 Glock 22 3Gen 3 magazines per gun  
18 Glock 23 3Gen 3 magazines per gun  
10 Glock 27 3Gen 1 magazines per gun

All guns in the current inventory are .40 caliber pistols.

Purchase Request:

30 Glock 19 4Gen 3 magazines per gun

The new pistols will be 9 millimeter pistols. The State Police and the Calhoun County Sheriff's Department have both just switched to 9mm Glock pistols. By us switching to the same caliber and brand of pistol it will allow us to interchange magazines and/or ammunition with these agencies we work close with in emergencies. Additionally, there is cost savings in the purchase of 9mm ammunition over .40 caliber ammunition.

My current proposal would be for any officer to purchase their current duty pistol prior to any outside sale for \$200.00. All remaining pistols would then be sold on Gunbroker.com with a minimum purchase price of \$400.00. As Gunbroker.com is a sale by bid with a minimum reserve it is the same as auctioning them.

17 x \$200.00 = \$3400.00

21 x \$400.00 = \$8400.00

Total in Sales = \$11,800

Cost of new pistols = 30 x \$409.00 = \$12,270

Based on my current estimates not all officers will purchase their current duty pistol. This means we will have additional guns sold at the \$400 cost to make up the \$470.00 difference. Also, many of the Glock pistols on Gunbroker.com are going for closer to \$500 per gun. I would expect the total in sales to actually be more than the cost of the new pistols. Should it not be more than the total the remainder would be made up from either the forfeiture account or public safety equipment fund.

We had initially talked to Michigan Police Equipment to trade all the pistols to them, but they would only give us \$225 per pistol. They would then sell the pistols just as we plan to for the \$400-\$500 amount.

Our current pistols are in need of replacement parts that currently will cost more than \$1000 to repair, which will need to come out of Public Safety's budget this year. By replacing the pistols we will be saving money not only on the repair of the current pistols, but also on the purchase of the ammunition for the pistols and have interoperability with departments we work closely with.