



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEMS

To: Mayor Graham and City Council
From: John Betten, Chief of Police
Walter Denton, City Administrator
Date: August 15, 2005
Subject: Resolution to Approve Contract with Emergency Communications Inc.

List of committees that have reviewed: Public Safety

Background: Emergency Communications Inc. provides an internet based emergency notification system called CodeRED. The system is used by municipalities throughout Illinois to provide “reverse 911” calls for the purpose of informing citizens on matters of public interest or concern. The internet or “off-site” system that they offer allows customers to avoid up-front cost associated with purchasing computer and communications equipment and allows for the capacity to deliver approximately 60,000 calls in one hour. Our contract, in the amount of \$14,000, would provide us with 40,000 minutes of call time, approximately 80,000, 30 second messages. Additional minutes, if necessary can be purchased in bulk. The secure system can be activated from any computer with internet connectivity and the calls can be made from a prearranged list or by selecting an area on a digital map. Staff has participated in a two hour demonstration of the product and is satisfied that it will meet our needs.

Legal Considerations, if any: The contract was provided to counsel for review

Budget Impact: The cost for start-up and one year of use is \$14,000.00. This is a non-budgeted item.

Staff recommendation: Approval