



CITY OF SAINT PAUL

ALASKA

RESOLUTION 24-08

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAINT PAUL APPROVING PUBLIC AUCTION OF DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION

WHEREAS, pursuant to CCO 8.10.010 the City Manager's office is tasked with coordinating emergency service functions of the City; and,

WHEREAS, the City has had a difficult time over the past decade recruiting and retaining quality police officers that are a good fit for our community; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council approved Resolution 22-19 on October 26, 2022 declaring a cultural, economic and social emergency due to the closure of the Bering Sea snow and king crab fisheries; and,

WHEREAS, the City has lost significant tax revenue due to this fishery closure, reducing the City's ability to offer competitive compensation to officers; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council approved Resolution 23-14 on May 16, 2023 entering into the VPSO Program and a Memorandum of Agreement between Aleutian Pribilof Islands Association and the for placing two Village Public Safety Officers in our community; and,

WHEREAS, the Village Public Safety Officer (VPSO) Program and the spirit of the program are a good fit for our community; and,

WHEREAS, it is highly unlikely that the City will return to hiring its own police force; and,

WHEREAS, the City's Department of Public Safety (DPS) now has firearms and ammunition that will go unused; and,

WHEREAS, the City Code of Ordinances Title 4 Chapter 4.20 Section 4.20.050 allows the City Manager to dispose of personal property of the City if valued less than \$1,000; and,

WHEREAS, the due to the nature of the personal property owned by the City, the City Manager is seeking City Council approval for selling of the DPS firearms and ammunition listed in the attached draft Public Auction announcement; and,

WHEREAS, the City Manager followed the City Code of Ordinances Title 4 Chapter 4.20 Section 4.20.040 to value the firearms and ammunition listed in the attached draft Public Auction announcement by searching established firearms and ammunition sales sites online; and,

WHEREAS, the City will only sell the DPS firearms and ammunition legally and through an approved Federal Firearms License (FFL) holder; and,

WHEREAS, Z Armory, owned and operated by Phillip A. Zavadil is the only FFL on Saint Paul Island and will facilitate the necessary background checks, transfer paperwork, and finalize the sales of the all the DPS firearms and ammunition listed in the attached draft Public Auction announcement in accordance with its FFL; and,

WHEREAS, given that Phillip A. Zavadil, owner and operator of Z Armory is also the City Manager for the City of Saint Paul, the sale and transfer of all the DPS firearms and ammunition will be at no cost to the City; and,

WHEREAS, after bids are opened, Phillip A. Zavadil, owner and operator of Z Armory will take possession of the firearms and ammunition and complete the sale at the physical location of Z Armory located at 115 Gorbach Street, Saint Paul Island, Alaska 99660, then transfer payment to the City's Finance Director; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Council of the City of Saint Paul approves Resolution 2024-08.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY APPROVAL OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAINT PAUL THIS 27TH DAY OF MARCH 2024 BY __ IN FAVOR __ OPPOSED AND __ ABSTAIN.

ATTEST:

Aubrey Wegeleben, City Clerk

Jacob N. Merculief, Mayor