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## Memorandum

To: Honorable Mayor and City Council

From: Jerry Burtner, Fire Chief

Re: Purchase of new handheld radios

Date: March 17, 2021

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### **BACKGROUND**

The Coweta Fire Department is currently using portable radios that are a minimum of 10 years old. This is at the end of the life cycle for these radios. Portable radios are our lifeline when on emergency scenes and are a vital piece of equipment.

The current model of radio we are using is Motorola XTS 5000. These radios have some safety concerns such as not being intrinsically safe in hazardous atmospheres and the fact that Motorola has stopped software support for this model.

The Coweta Fire Department is requesting the purchase of 7 new APX 6000 radios. These radios are compatible with our current radio and dispatch consoles. The radios are P25 compliant, which means they are programmed to work on the current OKWIN system. The radios are intrinsically safe, water resistant, GPS capable, and programmable. They also match what the Coweta Police Department is currently using. Due to the cost of the radios, we are asking to replace all our current radios over the next 3 years. We are asking for 7 radios, 5 chargers, 7 microphones, and 7 spare batteries. The total cost this year is \$33,967.89 which has been included in the capital request for the FY 20/21 at a total of \$35,000. The City has applied for an Assistance to Firefighters Grant to offset the cost of the acquisition of additional radio equipment in the future but has not yet been awarded that grant.

### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends a motion to approve the purchase of the 7 radios, chargers, microphones, and batteries for a total of \$33,976.89.