**AUTHORIZATION FOR THE PURCHASE OF FOUR (4) INVESTIGATIVE/ ADMINISTRATIVE FLEET VEHICLES AND ONE (1) PATROL VEHICLE**

**STAFF REPORT:** Police Chief White explained the need for the investigative/administrative vehicles and noted that one vehicle has over 100,000 miles. Additionally, one patrol supervisor vehicle is being held in evidence by the Kootenai County Prosecutor's Office and they will not be releasing the vehicle until all appeals have been exhausted, which could take decades. The total purchase price of the patrol vehicle and required equipment is $56,144. The department has been able to save the funds required for the purchase of the four investigative/administrative vehicles (approximately $150,000 for vehicles and emergency equipment such as lights and radios) through personnel vacancy savings and not purchasing other budgeted items. However, the Police Department does not have budget capacity for the patrol vehicle and related equipment. Since this is an unbudgeted item the Finance Director stated that funds from the General Fund/Fund Balance are available and could be appropriated to this purchase with Council approval.

**MOTION**: Motion by McEvers, seconded by Evans to authorize for the purchase of four (4) investigative/administrative fleet vehicles and one (1) patrol vehicle.

**DISCUSSION:** Mayor Widmyer asked if the City could file an insurance claim for the loss of the use of Sgt. Moore's vehicle. Finance Director Troy Tymesen said that he has discussed the issue with our insurance carrier who explained that it is still a vehicle owned by the City and it is covered for collision or damages but not the retention by another agency. Councilmember Gookin expressed frustration regarding the situation. Chief White reiterated that this may involve the death penalty for a murder and the vehicle is part of the evidence. City Administrator Jim Hammond explained that another perspective is that the City is short on patrol cars and would benefit from another one in the fleet.

**Motion Carried**.