



PRINCETON EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT MEMO

To: Mayor Walker and City Council

Date: 03/21/2024

From: E.M. Director Ron Lawrence
Deputy Directors Bob Gerold and Todd Frederick

Regarding: Warning Siren purchase and siren upgrade

The Emergency Management team, with assistance from Administrator McPherson, have been working to improve the warning sirens that cover the City of Princeton. Improvements include adding a siren and upgrading two of the older sirens with newer technology. The upgrade will help amplify the sound farther than the current technology.

An additional consideration is the potential growth of the City. There appears to be a deficiency in the industrial park area. An April meeting with the Frontline Plus technician has been scheduled in order to identify where the next siren will be placed.

There is \$45,000.00 approved in the 2024 Capital Improvement Budget to purchase a new siren and to move a siren. Frontline Plus has special pricing for new sirens purchased in the month of April. After obtaining quotes for the upgrade and new siren, now is the time to purchase a new siren and upgrade the two older ones. As the E.M. Director, completing this project as soon as possible before the severe weather moves arrives is important and timely.

Attached are the quotes for the new siren and the upgrades. The total exceeds the approved CIP amount by \$5,000.00, but staff recommends using monies from the Emergency Management operating budget (repair and maintenance) to bridge the gap. Purchasing the new siren now will save the City roughly \$13,000.00. Last year the cost of the sirens rose 8-10%.

I will be present for any questions. Thank you.

Ron Lawrence

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