Committee: **Finance**	**Date**: **12/1/2020**
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Subject:
Create a special revenue account to establish a funding source for a police K9 unit and accept donation of K9 Emma from the Emma Loves Dogs Foundation.

Details:
The Police Department is currently developing a K9 unit with the bulk of the program being funded through donations. As the program moves forward a special revenue fund will allow us to provide a revenue source to sustain the K9 unit as well as be able to carry funding over from year to year. Emma Loves Dogs Foundation is donating their first K9 to the Waukesha Police Department to start the program and the PD would like approval to accept the donation. The K9's name is Emma and is valued at approximately $15,000. This program would increase the efficiency of service that the Police Department provides to the citizens of Waukesha.

Options & Alternatives:
An alternative would be to not accept the donation and continue to rely on mutual aid for all K9 needs. Utilizing an outside agency does not defer liability from the City of Waukesha.

Financial Remarks:
The K9 officer position has no increase in salary and is considered a temporary assignment. There is no increase to our insurance based on starting this program. The donations will be used to cover operational costs such as dog food, equipment, and general K9 maintenance. We currently have approximately $14,830 in donations and expect that to increase exponentially as we publicize the program. Our LE partners have expressed that many K9 programs are supported by donations.

Executive Recommendation:
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