

RESOLUTION NO. _____ OF _____ 2023

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DONATION OF
SHREVEPORT POLICE DEPARTMENT SURPLUS
PROPERTY, SPECIFICALLY RETIRING ONE POLICE K-9,
AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

BY: COUNCIL MEMBER:

WHEREAS, the City of Shreveport Police Department's K-9, "Duk", a three-year-old Malinois/Shepherd mix that has served the citizens of Shreveport honorably for twenty months, working as a dual-purpose K-9 in both patrol and narcotics functions; and

WHEREAS, this dog is performing poorly and has failed to engage suspects, when necessary; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to donate K-9 "Duk" to current Shreveport Police K-9 Handler, Jeff Hammer; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Jeff Hammer, has agreed to accept all responsibility, financial obligations and liability associated with the acceptance of this donation; and

WHEREAS, Shreveport City Code Section 26-53(b) states that "public funds or property of the city shall not be donated, loaned or pledged to any person, except for public purposes"; and

WHEREAS, although Louisiana Constitution Article 7, §14, generally prohibits loan, donation or pledge of public property; under La. R.S. 33:4712 a municipality may sell, lease, exchange, or dispose of public property which is not needed for a public purpose; and

WHEREAS, due to lack of performance and officer safety concerns, K-9 "Duk" described herein, has reached the end of his service career with the Shreveport Police Department and is hereby deemed surplus of the City of Shreveport; and

WHEREAS, donation of "Duk" to a current Shreveport Police K-9 Handler, Jeff Hammer serves a public purpose and renders a public service because this donation under these circumstances provides for the most humane and dignified way to retire this service animal that has served the citizens of Shreveport honorably

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due regular and legal session convened, that Mayor Tom Arceneaux is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents and/or agreements between the City of Shreveport and Sergeant Jeff Hammer whereby the City shall make donations, effective on October 24, 2023, as follows:

"Duk"	Service Animal	A three-year-old Malinois/Shepherd Mix
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if any provision of this Resolution or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or application of this Resolution which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or application and to this end the provisions of this Resolution are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all Resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:

OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY