

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-_____

WHEREAS, in 2015 the Bethlehem Police Department purchased Hix, a German Shepherd-Malinois mix, with a donation by local business owners Joseph Hixson Jr. and his wife Shirley Hixson;

WHEREAS, Whereas Hix, as a dedicated and talented member of the Bethlehem Police Department K-9 Unit, and as an expert Patrol & Explosives Detection K-9 for more than five (5) years, has provided service of the highest order to protect the residents of Bethlehem and officers of the Bethlehem Police Department; and

WHEREAS, the Bethlehem Police Department now wishes to retire Hix and to transfer ownership of Hix to Patriot K9 Rescue, Inc., a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization; and

WHEREAS, Hix has earned the honor of commendation with all the incidental rights and benefits of being a retired police K-9 service dog that he may have been deprived during his service; and

WHEREAS, Patriot K9 Rescue, Inc. will care for Hix with the possibility of Hix being adopted if he is deemed safe to adopt; and

WHEREAS, if Hix is deemed safe to adopt, Patriot K9 Rescue, Inc. will work to find a suitable adopter who has adequate property, restrictive fencing and time to manage Hix and his needs, with the goal of a lifelong match so that Hix will live out his retirement in a loving and happy environment; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bethlehem is authorized pursuant to 11 Pa.C.S. § 12402.1 of the Third Class City Code to dispose of personal property by sale or otherwise upon approval by City Council via resolution; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Bethlehem that Hix be extended the gratitude of the City of Bethlehem, which has benefited from his more than five years of service and the special contributions he made to promoting public safety and protecting the lives and property of Bethlehem residents; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, now that Hix is retired, he can relax and enjoy all that life has to offer him; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Hix is extended every good wish for a long and happy retirement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Bethlehem that Hix is hereby approved to be transferred by the Bethlehem Police Department to Patriot K9 Rescue, Inc.:

Sponsored by _____

ADOPTED by Council this day of , 2021.

ATTEST:

President of Council

City Clerk