



City of Apache Junction

Home of the Superstition Mountains

DATE: July 16, 2019

TO: Mayor and City Councilmembers

FROM: Matt Busby, Assistant City Manager

SUBJECT: Purchase of 3 Servers & Hard drives

The purchase of three Dell servers, for the Virtual Desktop Project, was budgeted in the FY 19/20 budget but after a project scheduled for the FY 18/19 budget had to be pushed back into FY 19/20 budget year, we quickly moved up the Virtual Desktop Project and made the purchase of these servers and hard drives.

A virtual desktop allows us to streamline the cost of equipment by utilizing a group of servers to host multiple desktops for end-users while delivering a secure platform that is accessible to users from virtually anywhere they are within the city network. Each year we budget \$100,000 for desktop replacement and after this project is in place there will be no need to purchase expensive computers anymore. After evaluating the different products on the market Dell's system best matches our needs. Each vendor had their own proprietary system and the Dell system was the only one that would merge into our current system without purchasing extra software.

Staff asks for consideration of approval of the ratification of the purchase of three Dell servers and hard drives for the total amount of \$166,606.19.