

MUSCATINE POLICE DEPARTMENT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Gregg Mandsager, City Administrator

FROM: Brett Talkington, Chief of Police

SUBJECT: City Council Agenda Item for May 19, 2016 – Old 800 MHz radios and chargers

DATE: May 9, 2016

INTRODUCTION:

The Muscatine Police Department would like the City Council to declare the following items as surplus property. The department has found an agency that can use the equipment for their radio system. The radio equipment is no longer used by the department.

13 XTS 3000 portable radios
23 XTS 5000 portable radios
23 shoulder microphones
6 multi radio chargers
10 desktop chargers

BACKGROUND:

In 1996 the P25 800 MHz Motorola radio system was purchased by the city. Recently we moved to another radio system due to the old one being out of date and not able to get parts to fix major components. We may have found a buyer for our portable radios and chargers. This is a public safety agency in Illinois (jail) that currently uses these radios for its internal communications within their facility.

Informal negotiations have occurred about this equipment. It appears that these negotiations are heading in a positive direction. Prior to entering into any formal or more detailed negotiations we would like the equipment declared as surplus property.

Along with the equipment being declared as surplus property we would like to have permission to use any funds received for the radio equipment to purchase (3) additional

tactical body armor vests for members of the department's tactical team. Any funds in excess of the cost of the new body armor will be added to the general fund.

RECOMMENDATION/RATIONALE:

We are recommending that the Muscatine City Council declare the old communications equipment listed above as surplus property and allow the department to negotiate a sale of the property.