

MUSCATINE POLICE DEPARTMENT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Gregg Mandsager, City Administrator

FROM: Brett Talkington, Chief of Police

SUBJECT: City Council Agenda Item for August 3, 2017 – Panasonic ToughPad

DATE: July 21, 2017

INTRODUCTION:

The Police Department would like city council permission to purchase two (2) Panasonic ToughPad Tablet computers from Keltek Inc. of Baxter, IA. The total cost of this purchase will be \$5,137.44. The City Council approved as a budget item \$7,000 for this purchase.

BACKGROUND:

In 2008 the department instituted mobile data computers in our squads with a grant from the Iowa Department of Transportation. We currently have thirteen (13) department vehicles outfitted with equipment for this purpose including the Street Crimes Unit and the Animal Control vehicle.

Many of the squad computers are getting older and are experiencing component failures. The two we would like to replace have been in use since 2013.

We asked City Council, during the budget preparation, for funding to purchase two new tablet PC's. Funding was granted for the 2017/2018 budget year.

RECOMMENDATION/RATIONALE:

Keltek Inc had the lowest bid for the purchase of this equipment at \$5,137.44. CDW Inc. had the second lowest bid of \$5,277.98 with Insight following close behind at \$5,315.98. We are recommending City Council approve a purchase order in the amount of \$5137.44 from Keltek Inc for the Panasonic ToughPad tablet PC's.