



FIRE DEPARTMENT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Gregg Mandsager, City Administrator
Fran Donelson, Administrative Secretary

FROM: Jerry Ewers, Fire Chief

DATE: October 1, 2012

SUBJECT: City Council Agenda Item – Request to Purchase Used Water Tender

INTRODUCTION:

Request to purchase a used 3,200 gallon water tender from Walcott Fire Department in order to provide fire protection to newly annexed areas without fire hydrants.

BACKGROUND:

The Muscatine Fire Department has been searching for a used water tender, commonly referred to as a tanker, for supplying water to areas without hydrants within the city, rural areas, and newly annexed areas. Used tenders have ranged anywhere from \$ 20,000 to \$ 80,000 depending on age and additional loose equipment. A new tanker moderately equipped averages \$ 150,000.

Fire Department staff and internal mechanic found a used 1978 Chevrolet C65 in Walcott with a 3,200 gallon water tank for sale. This water tender has 9,000 miles, mechanically sound, but missing loose equipment. Additional loose equipment, such as a deployable portable folding tank, two sections of suction hose, a strainer, and vehicle radio will also need to be purchased in order to be operational. This loose equipment total will be under \$ 5,000.

City expects to receive property tax revenues beginning in 2015/16 and RUTF in early 2013.

RECOMMENDATION/RATIONALE:

Request authorization to issue purchase order to Walcott Fire Department for \$10,000 in order to buy a 1978 Chevrolet C65 with a 3,200 gallon tank. This purchase will require a budget amendment.