

# MUSCATINE POLICE DEPARTMENT

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Gregg Mandsager, City Administrator

**FROM:** Brett Talkington, Chief of Police

**SUBJECT:** City Council Agenda Item for September 1, 2016 – Panasonic ToughPad

**DATE:** August 23, 2016

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### **INTRODUCTION:**

The Police Department would like city council permission to purchase three (3) Panasonic ToughPad Tablet computers along with printing hardware from Keltek Inc of Baxter, IA. The total cost of this purchase will be \$9,691.11. The City Council approved as a budget item \$10,000 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.

The detectives are routinely at crime scenes or out in their vehicles conducting investigations. Access to vehicle and driver information, our records management software and other electronic data has become extremely important.

We asked City Council, during the budget preparation, for funding to purchase three new tablet PC's as well as printing hardware. Funding was granted for the 2016/2017 budget year.

### **RECOMMENDATION/RATIONALE:**

Keltek Inc had the lowest bid for the purchase of this equipment at \$9,691.00. Baycom Inc. had the second lowest bid of \$9,860.00 with Insight following close behind at \$9,893.53. We are recommending that City Council approve the purchase of the

Panasonic ToughPad tablet PC's as well as necessary printing equipment from Keltex Inc.