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**FIRE DEPARTMENT**

MEMORANDUM

TO: Gregg Jenkins, Acting City Administrator  
Cinda Hilger, Administrative Secretary  
Jerry Ewers, Fire Chief

FROM: Mike Hartman, Assistant Fire Chief

DATE: August 12, 2020

SUBJECT: City Council Agenda Item – Declaration of Surplus Property

**INTRODUCTION:**

With the purchase of the new Transit transfer ambulance the Fire Department had to make space by moving the water tender vehicle out of the building. We completed a review of the use of the tender and based on the use and costs of the tender we wish to declare it as surplus property.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Muscatine Fire Department purchased a used water tender (tanker truck) from the Walcott Fire Department in October of 2012 as a tool to help address water supply concerns in the newly annexed portion of the City. It was meant to be a temporary measure. With the need for space at the PSB due to the additional ambulance, the use and need for the tender was reassessed.

This review found that the tender is no longer needed. Since it was purchased in 2012 this vehicle has responded to 13 calls in the City. A review of these calls show that our automatic aid agreement with Fruitland has been providing a reliable water supply to supplement the 2,000+ gallons of water we carry on our front line vehicles. Given the age (1978), usage (16 calls in 8 years), and costs (\$7,500+) this is no longer a needed asset. The maintenance costs alone average nearly \$600 per City response. This vehicle is beyond its useful life for our department.

**RECOMMENDATION/RATIONALE:**

With the cost and usage history in mind, the Department requests Council to declare the 1978 Chevy C65 Tender as surplus property so that it can be released as a City asset.