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MEMORANDUM

Equipment Maintenance
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To: Gregg Mandsager, City Administrator
CC: Fran Donelson, Secretary
FROM: Randy Hill, Public Works Director
DATE: November 28, 2011
RE: Council Action – Traffic Item

INTRODUCTION:

Several years ago the configuration of Second & Third Streets in the Central Business District were designated as one way streets (Third Street west and Second Street east). Since then Third Street became a two way street and Second Street a one way – west.

BACKGROUND:

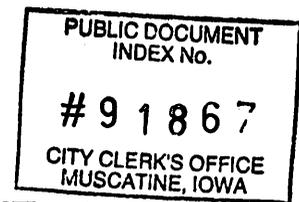
When Second & Third Streets were one ways, the younger crowd would use this opportunity to socially meet by “cruising the ones”. Sometimes their youthful enthusiasm would migrate into the surrounding neighborhoods. After the street configurations were changed the “kids” would drive west on Second and proceed up Pine or Chestnut and then turn right on Third. Residents in the area complained of the noise and other disruptions and or distractions caused by this social behavior. In order to curb this activity the city installed “NO RIGHT TURN 10 p.m. – 2 a.m.” on the NE corners of 3rd & Pine and 3rd & Chestnut. This successfully stymied “cruising” in the CBD.

RECOMMENDATION/RATIONALE:

At the request of a resident in the Second Street neighborhood, the city’s Traffic Committee reviewed the necessity of keeping the “NO RIGHT TURN . . . “ signs at 3rd & Pine and 3rd & Chestnut. The Police Department informs us the signs are not enforceable and serve no purpose. The Traffic Committee agrees and recommends the two signs be removed.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

"I remember Muscatine for its sunsets. I have never seen any on either side of the ocean that equaled them" — Mark Twain



MUSCATINE POLICE DEPARTMENT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Gregg Mandsager, City Administrator
FROM: Brett Talkington, Chief of Police
SUBJECT: City Council Agenda Item
DATE: 11-28-2011

INTRODUCTION:

The rifles we currently carry in the squad cars are 13 years old and in need of replacement.

BACKGROUND:

The UMP (Universal Machine Pistol) 40 caliber rifles that we currently carry are outdated and in need of replacement. We currently have all (10) squads equipped with a UMP 40. We have had some problems with the upkeep of these lately. The guns have many thousands of rounds through them over the last 13 years.

RECOMMENDATION/RATIONALE:

I request that the city council approve the Police Department to utilize a portion of the 2011 JAG (Justice Assistance Grant) grant to purchase six (6) AR 15 rifles. This would let us outfit six squads until we get authorization to purchase four (4) more to outfit all the squads. We received three quotes for the rifles.

1. DPMS (\$7674.00 for six rifles)
2. Bushmaster (\$7572.00 for six rifles)
3. Rock River Arms (\$5577.00 for six rifles)

I would request City Council approve the Police Department to purchase six (6) AR 15 rifles from Rock River Arms in the amount of \$5577.00