

TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

FROM: CHIEF OF POLICE, JEFFREY L. MCCORMICK

SUBJECT: UNCLAIMED/ABANDONED BICYCLES

DATE: JANUARY 23, 2018

BACKGROUND

Every year the Cannon Falls Police Department assembles a collection of unclaimed or abandoned bicycles that come into our possession. We have tried several different methods of disposal, but all have been inefficient when looking at staff time spent.

This year we are trying a new approach, which would recycle the bicycles. We looked locally first, but were unable to find an organization doing that type of project. We then looked to Dakota County and found two Dakota County non-profit organizations Kids 'n Kinship and DARTS. Kids 'n Kinship is an organization that matches children with the need for an additional supportive relationship with carefully screened adult volunteer. Darts is a community-based organization that connects senior citizens to services and partnerships that improve their quality of life, help them age well, and enable them to engage in their community.

I believed that instead of having staff time spent preparing the bicycles to be scrapped, turning them over to Rick Anderson, who coordinates the recycling of the bikes to create as many fully functioning bicycles to be distributed to persons with a need, would be a very staff time efficient way to dispose of the bicycles.

All bicycles that would be disposed of have been in our possession for 60 days or more as required by City Code 33.020. We are unable to determine the owners of the bicycles and are requesting approval to dispose of the bicycles by transferring them to Rick Anderson on behalf of the two organizations. The final number of bicycles eligible may change, but we estimate 20-25 would be disposed of, depending on the date they are picked up.

REQUESTED COUNCIL ACTION

Motion to approve the disposal of the unclaimed bicycles that are older than 60 days as of the day picked up, by donated to Rick Anderson on behalf of Kids 'n Kinship and DARTS.