

**TO:** Mayor Althoff and City Council

**FROM:** Joseph Berg, Police Lieutenant

**SUBJECT:** Handgun replacement

**DATE:** 10-9-2019

**BACKGROUND**

The Cannon Falls Police Department purchased our current handguns, Glock .40 caliber, in the fall of 2008. The handguns were purchased with nightsights, which are glowing sights for low light use. They have been very reliable firearms, for eleven years, but in the last couple of years the nightsights have been losing brightness, which is about the lifespan expected. The Police Commission considered this in February 2019 and unanimously agreed in moving towards replacing the current handguns with the Glock 9mm. The ballistic qualities of the 9mm have improved and bring it to a similar level as the .40 caliber, but the ammunition is less in cost and often more readily available. The one of the other advantages of moving to the Glock 9mm is that the handgun will fit the same holster as the Glock .40 caliber.

During the 2019 budget discussions the replacement of the handguns was discussed with the thought being to move to a Glock 9mm handgun. The replacement of the current handguns was included in the 2020 proposed budget. As part of the 2020 budget planning process we have been reviewing items that could be moved into the 2019 budget to create reductions in the 2020 proposed budget. The handgun replacement is an item identified and is the top priority, as the nightsights on some handguns are failing to provide sufficient illumination to acquire proper sight alignment in low light.

As the Chief discussed during 2020 budget discussion the cost to trade our current handguns for brand new ones is \$197.25 which is only about \$37 more than the cost of replacing nightsights alone, which would still leave us with 11 year old handguns. The handguns would be traded to and purchased from Kiesler Police Supply under State contract pricing for \$2,367. During 2020 budget discussions the City Council seemed in consensus that it made sense to trade to new handguns. Because this purchase was not part of the planned 2019 budget we are requesting City Council approval to move forward with this accelerated purchase. In reviewing the 2019 budget we believe that this purchase will not result in exceeding our 2019 approved budget.

This request is being made now to allow the transition to the new firearms to be done as part of the fall firearms qualifications.

**REQUESTED COUNCIL ACTION**

Motion and approval to trade current handguns to and purchase new handguns from Kiesler Police Supply as outlined above.