

TO: Mayor and City Council
FROM: Jeff McCormick, Chief of Police
SUBJECT: Resolution Authorizing Acceptance of a Donation
DATE: July 28, 2020

BACKGROUND

The Cannon Falls Police Department has received a free television from Valley View Recovery Center. This was not the typical donation because it was an offer of a free television that was made to the general public on Facebook July 23 by Valley View Recovery Center. The offer occurred just hours after Lt. Berg and I were at the Public Safety Building and had discussed the television they have in the equipment bay that displays the Hwy 52 cameras, and call details.



Lt. Berg and I agreed that would be good information to display, but we did not have a television to dedicate for that in the budget at this time. When Lt. Berg saw the offer of furniture and televisions for free to the general public, he stopped at Valley View Recovery Center to see what was going on. He learned that they were giving away items that would not be used after remodeling and that offering the items for free saved them the disposal costs. Lt. Berg saw this as an outside the box solution to move forward with a way to display the information like at the Public Safety Building. The television is a LG model 42LC5DC manufactured in January 2008. I looked to see if there was a used value reference guide like for motor vehicles for televisions, but I was unable to find a residual value because of the age of the television.

The televisions were being offered for free to the general public, however because I was unable to determine if there is a residual value of the television, the best course of action is to bring this as a donation to the City Council for acceptance like we have done for other donations in the past. Just like with those donations, the television was tentatively accepted until approved by the City Council.

I want to commend Lt. Berg for his problem solving in seeing an opportunity that would allow the Police Department to setup a display like used at the Public Safety Building

without having a budget impact of purchasing a television. It is that type of thinking outside the box that is required while trying to keep budget expenses minimized.

REQUESTED COUNCIL ACTION

Request a motion to adopt resolution 2499 authorizing acceptance of the Donation.

**CITY OF CANNON FALLS
GOODHUE COUNTY, MINNESOTA**

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2499

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF A DONATION

WHEREAS, the Cannon Falls Police Department provides police services to the community of Cannon Falls; and

WHEREAS, the police services provided are of a wide range and are provided to all citizens; and

WHEREAS, Valley View Recovery Center posted free items including televisions to the general public on Facebook and donated a television to the Cannon Falls Police Department;

WHEREAS, the Cannon Falls Police Department is unsure of the residual value of the television;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Cannon Falls accepts this donation on behalf of the Cannon Falls Police Department and approves the Chief of Police to utilize this donation to the Cannon Falls Police Department to create an information display similar to within the Public Safety Building that may not have been possible without the donation.

ADOPTED by the City Council of Cannon Falls this 4th day of August, 2020.

CITY OF CANNON FALLS

John Althoff
Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Neil Jensen
City Administrator