

# MARSHALLTOWN

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**TO:** Mayor Greer and City Council  
**FROM:** Michael W. Tupper, Chief of Police  
**DATE:** 5 May 2022  
**RE:** Public Safety Cameras

**Policy Issue:** City policy requires governing body approval of major capital project purchases and investments.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Goal 1: Expand and improve development                 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Goal 3: Continually improve the City's organization & services |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Goal 2: Enhance Marshalltown's public image | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Goal 4: Partner with others to improve quality of life         |

**Specific Objective/Action:** Build upon the current public safety camera program by adding camera sites for the purpose of enhancing public safety and deterring crime.

**Recommendation:** Authorize the police chief to build a public safety camera team to plan camera site priorities and build a preliminary plan for a project not to exceed \$150,000.00.

**Budget Impact:** Dependent upon the scope of the project. See attached RACOM document for equipment pricing. \$100,000.00 would be quickly spent on a limited scope project dependent upon equipment needs. It is important to remember there will be costs for system maintenance, software maintenance and data storage on the back end of these projects.

**Description/Background:** Since 2017 the city has had a limited public safety camera program. This program was initially funded by the Marshall County Crime Stoppers organization. Crime Stoppers conducted fundraising efforts that subsequently led to public safety camera sites being located in Marshalltown and in rural Marshall County. In Marshalltown, the camera sites are:

1. Center & Anson
2. 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue & Anson
3. Parking lot behind Center Street Station bar

Since 2017, RACOM has installed cameras around the RACOM property the police department can access. The 13<sup>th</sup> Street District also funded a project in the 13<sup>th</sup> Street area. Although our current program is very limited, public safety cameras have assisted law enforcement in solving criminal offenses. The police department would like to expand this program. The department feels adding camera sites would enhance public safety and improve the overall effectiveness of this program.

The police department has the following priority sites but a discussion about sites needs to be refreshed.

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1. 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue & Linn
2. Mega 10 Park
3. Skate Park
4. Gallery Garden
5. General downtown locations
6. Entire Highway 14 Corridor
7. Vet's Coliseum & City Hall Complex
8. Riverview Park
9. Nicholson Ford OHV Park

As new commercial developments, park projects, and road projects occur, there are opportunities to discuss how we can protect these projects and leverage these projects to enhance the public safety camera program.

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**Single Camera, Installed at a location that has existing network connection**

Axis Q1615-LE MK III  
Network Switch  
Milestone License  
Camera Install



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| Total | \$ 3,000.00 |
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**Single Camera, and Wireless Network Backhaul**

Axis Q1615-LE MK III  
Network Switch  
Milestone License  
Camera/Network Install  
Network Microwave



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| Total | \$ 11,500.00 |
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**Intersection with (4) Cameras and Wireless Network Backhaul**

Axis Q1615-LE MK III (4)  
Network Switch  
Milestone License  
Camera/Network Install  
Network Microwave



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| Total | \$ 17,500.00 |
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**Adding Access Points @ Existing Tower Site**

Network Switch  
(4) 90 Degree Antennas  
Tower Crew  
Install



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| Total | \$ 23,550.00 |
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