



## CITY COUNCIL REPORT

September 10, 2009

TO: John Szerlag, City Manager

FROM: John M. Lamerato, Assistant City Manager/Finance and Administration  
Carol Anderson, Parks and Recreation Director

SUBJECT: Donation of Taxidermy Mounts to the  
Lloyd A. Stage Nature Center

### Background:

- Edward Polek an avid outdoorsman had collected, over his lifetime, an impressive collection of taxidermy mounts.
- Upon his death, his sister Crystal Lewandowski who is a Stage Nature Center volunteer, contacted Keith Polek about donating his father's collection of taxidermy mounts to the nature center.
- The nature center received the collection of mounts on September 2, 2009 through a generous donation by Keith Polek, in memory of his parents Edward and Mary Polek.
- The current retail value of the donation of taxidermy mounts is \$15,593.
- The collection contains a variety of taxidermy mounts including native waterfowl, birds, fish, and mammals. Additional geological specimens, game calls and tags were also donated.
- The donation will help the nature center achieve its mission of "creating passion for, and knowledge of the natural world in the hearts and minds of citizens," through educational use both in the classroom during instructor lead programs and while on display in the nature center lobby.

It is with much appreciation and thanks that the donation is accepted by the City.