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HIAWATHA FIRE-RESCUE

MEMORANDUM

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR, CITY COUNCIL

FROM: MIKE NESSLAGE, FIRE CHIEF

SUBJECT: ANNUAL FIRE DEPARTMENT APPRECIATION DINNER

DATE: 3/28/2018

CC: STAFF

We have been holding an annual appreciation dinner for the fire department for over 15 years now. This has been part of the fire departments incentives program, which includes length of service awards program (retirement). The dinner is held annually as a way of demonstrating appreciation for the members, spouses, and significant others of the fire department. We are asking you to approve expenditures for our annual appreciation dinner. This is budgeted money from the fire department general fund budget.

Based on feedback from members, we are going to change the way we handle the event this year. One of the major items that we heard was that not everyone "appreciated" the entertainment in the past, normally a comedian, magician, hypnotist, etc. This year, the dinner will be held at the Kernels' Game on May 5th. We have reserved an area just for the fire department and guest, and the pricing includes a picnic buffet. The price will be $32 a person. We are estimating cost of no more than $3,200. This will be less than what we spent in the past because we are combining the entertainment, caterer and venue into one.

We will enlist the assistance of other fire departments and ambulance staff in covering the city while we have this event. It is the one chance for the fire department to do something together without worrying about calls.

We will hold our awards and recognitions at a smaller, but more formal event in a family friendly venue. This will enable family, including kids and parents to attend. That event will be held in December or January annually, and will not have a significant cost.

As a reminder, City Council and Mayor, along with City Policy Staff are invited to attend. You will receive a formal invitation but please "save the date."

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RESOLUTION NO. 18-
City Council

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ANNUAL FIRE DEPARTMENT APPRECIATION EVENT

WHEREAS, the Fire Department has been holding an annual appreciation event for many years to show gratitude toward its members for their service, and

WHEREAS, the Fire Department desires to hold the 2018 annual appreciation event on May 5, 2018, with related expenses in an amount not to exceed $3,200.00. The Fire Department will enlist the assistance of other fire departments and ambulance staff to provide coverage during the event, and

WHEREAS, City Council deems it necessary to hold an annual appreciation event for Fire Department members as an expression of appreciation for their dedication and service to Hiawatha fire and ambulance services, and

WHEREAS, funding for the Fire Department annual appreciation event was previously budgeted in the FY 2017-2018 Fire Department General Fund in the incentives line, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HIAWATHA, IOWA to approve the annual Fire Department appreciation event on May 5, 2018, with expenses in an amount not to exceed $3,200.00, utilizing available funds in the FY 2017-2018 Fire Department General Fund incentives line.

AYES:
NAYS:
ABSENT:

PASSED AND APPROVED this 4th day of April, 2018.

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Bill Bennett, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Kelly Kornegor, City Clerk