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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: 3/30/2017

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 and families of the fire department.

We are asking you to approve expenditures for our annual awards banquet. The event will be held on April 21st at El Kahir. We request the resolution for expenses not to exceed $6,000 dollars for food, entertainment, and related expenses. This is budgeted money from the incentives line in the fire department general fund budget.

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.

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. 17-
City Council

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PAYMENT OF EXPENSES FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION BANQUET

WHEREAS, the Fire Department desires to hold the annual volunteer appreciation banquet on April 21, 2017, and requests approval of payment of expenses for this event, and

WHEREAS, the Hiawatha City Council has determined the importance of authorizing the Fire Department to provide an annual volunteer appreciation banquet for its volunteer fire and ambulance members due to the essential emergency fire and medical services that would not be available to the community without their continued support to the department, and

WHEREAS, this event builds morale and demonstrates our community's appreciation for their commitment to volunteerism in our community, and

WHEREAS, funding in an amount not to exceed $6,000.00, for the expenses involved with the annual volunteer appreciation banquet is available in the Fire Department General Fund Budget Incentives line item, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HIAWATHA, IOWA to authorize city staff to make payment for the expenses required to hold the annual volunteer appreciation banquet on April 21, 2017.

AYES:
NAYS:
ABSENT:

PASSED AND APPROVED this 5th day of April, 2017.

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Bill Bennett, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Kari Graber, Deputy Clerk