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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: 11/15/2018

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.

Last year we changed the way we handled that. We separated single event into two, the appreciation event and the recognition event …and saved money. For appreciation we wanted a fun, but informal outing where we could relax and fellowship. For recognition, we wanted a more formal approach for the awards, where we concentrate on the successes of the past year. Last year, we held an appreciation outing at the Kernel's baseball game. We are following up with a recognition event on Tuesday January 8th 2019 at 7 PM in the Community Center. At that event we will have cake, coffee, punch, and water, and it will be open to families including children. We estimate expenditures not to exceed $250.

Later this year, the appreciation event will be held again at the Kernels' Game on May 4th. Like last year, we have reserved an area just for the fire department and guest, and the pricing includes a picnic buffet. We are estimating the cost for that event to be less than $3,500. We are planning a total of $4,000 for both events. This is less than what we spent in the past years because we are combining the entertainment, caterer, and venue into one. We are asking you to approve expenditures not to exceed $4,000 for our annual events. This is budgeted money from the fire department general fund budget under incentives.

As a reminder, City Council and Mayor, along with City Policy Staff are invited to attend both events. You will receive a formal invitation but please save the dates of January 8th for the awards event and May 4th for the outing.

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RESOLUTION NO. 18-
City Council

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PAYMENT OF EXPENSES FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION AND RECOGNITION EVENT

WHEREAS, the Fire Department desires to hold the annual volunteer recognition event on January 8, 2019 and appreciation event on May 4, 2019, and requests approval of payment of expenses for these events, 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, these events build morale and demonstrates our community's appreciation for their commitment to volunteerism in our community, and

WHEREAS, funding in an amount not to exceed $4,000.00, for the expenses involved with the annual volunteer recognition and appreciation event 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 recognition event on January 8, 2019 and appreciation event on May 4, 2019.

AYES:
NAYS:
ABSENT:

PASSED AND APPROVED this 21st day of November, 2018.

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Bill Bennett, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Kelly Kornegor, City Clerk