HIAWATHA FIRE-RESCUE

MEMORANDUM

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR, CITY COUNCIL

FROM: MIKE NESSLAGE, FIRE CHIEF

SUBJECT: ANNUAL FIRE DEPARTMENT APPRECIATION EVENT

DATE: 11/1/2019

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 appreciation and recognition program. The dinner was held annually as a way of demonstrating appreciation for the members of the fire department, along with their spouses and significant others.

As you recall, we changed the way we handled that event last year and we found those separate events to be more successful. We are going to continue that this year. The formal recognition event will be held at the Community Center on January 7th at 7 PM. The appreciation outing will be held at the Kernels Stadium on May 2nd 2020.

We are planning a total of $3,000 for both events. This is less than what we spent in the past years when we had a single catered event with entertainment. We are asking you to approve expenditures not to exceed $3,000 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 7th for the awards event and May 2nd for the outing.

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RESOLUTION NO. 19-
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 7, 2020 and appreciation event on May 2, 2020, 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 $3,000.00, 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 January7, 2020 and appreciation event on May 2, 2020.

AYES:
NAYS:
ABSENT:

PASSED AND APPROVED this 6th day of November, 2019.

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Bill Bennett, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Amy Scheer, Deputy City Clerk