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STAFF SUMMARY REPORT

FROM: Brett Klein, Town Manager/Clerk

ITEM: **Item: Consider Staff and Vehicle Provision for Haven United Methodist Church Food Pantry**

MEETING DATE: July 11, 2023

Summary:

Over the past several years, and even recent months, the amount of Haven United Methodist Food Pantry weekly users has increased dramatically to nearly 35% of Jerome's population. The organization was gifted a truck, however, that truck has been subsequently totaled in the winter storm earlier this year. They are having trouble finding a driver and vehicle to meet the needs and demands of the Town's citizens. They are requesting a driver and truck to transport the supplies from Cottonwood to Jerome two times per week. I have checked with our liability insurance provider and the Town would be covered. The employee would merely drive, and volunteers would load and unload. Until the retired shuttle van is sold, that one could be used if the Council so choose to provide this service, and then any pick-up truck would suffice moving forward.

Fiscal Impact:

There would be no overtime for this, and merely a reallocation of hours. Sometimes Marty would do it, sometimes his staff, and other times myself or another Town Hall employee could do it. There would be increased costs for gas and vehicle wear and tear, of approximately \$2-\$4,000 / year +/-.

Recommendation

If the Council feel comfortable collaborating in this endeavor with a 501(c)(3), which is not unusual for municipalities, staff are confident we can fulfill their needs.