

Montgomery MEDC
AGENDA REPORT

Meeting Date: October 17, 2022	Budgeted Amount: \$450
Department: Admin	Prepared By: DMc

Subject

Consideration and possible action on funding Wreaths Across America project for Montgomery Memorial Cemetery

Recommendation

Discuss and approve the item

Discussion

Wreaths Across America is a non-profit organization that honors deceased veterans by placing wreaths on their gravesites every December. It has grown from a small, one company-driven event to a nationwide movement with over 3,100 cemeteries participating.

The Montgomery New Cemetery and The Montgomery Old Cemetery already participate in this event and have sponsors for the wreaths and elaborate ceremonies. The Montgomery Memorial Cemetery has not been able to garner a similar level of support, despite having a similar founding date, a strong community presence, and veterans who honorably served their country.

Two Montgomery residents would like to give the Montgomery Memorial Cemetery veterans the recognition they deserve through the WAA program. Each wreath costs \$15 and there are 40 veterans to honor. WAA has a buy 2 get 3 program so the amount needed is \$450.

The process of honoring the veterans will also involve locating the graves, and could also include mapping the sites and providing additional information to findagrave.com and to our tourism sites. Interest in family history is a significant reason for visitors to come to the area and this is one way to improve the availability of the information.

Councilman TJ Wilkerson was a key driver in the cemetery receiving the Texas Historical Commission designation in 2011. He has given his support to this program & ceremony.

Approved By

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Interim City Administrator	Dave McCorquodale	Date: 10/11/2022