
SOUTH JORDAN CITY CITY COUNCIL REPORT

Council Meeting Date: February 1, 2022

Issue: Disposal of a surplus trailer to the Salt Lake County Auxiliary Communication Team to replace the trailer that the City has been allowing them to use

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First Reading Report Date:

Staff Recommendation (Motion Ready):

- Approve Resolution R2022-08, a resolution of the City Council of the City of South Jordan, Utah, declaring the corporate purpose of disposing of a surplus trailer and directing staff to sign an agreement with the Salt Lake County Auxiliary Communication Team.

BACKGROUND: Since 2008, members of the Salt Lake County Auxiliary Communication Team (SLCoACT) have provided radio communication support volunteers to the City to help coordinate City events such as Summerfest, the SoJo Marathon, and Light the Night. The cooperation between the City and SLCoACT has occurred for so long that the South Jordan Emergency Management Plan includes SLCoACT as a partner assisting the City with operation and response in the event of an emergency.

The team that assists the City is primarily made up of City residents who have an amateur radio license with the FCC (Federal Communication Commission) and are part of the ARRL (Amateur Radio Relay League). This team is an exempt non-profit organization (501c3).

In the past 10-12 years, in addition to supporting the City at events, SLCoACT has participated in drills and exercises and have provided much support as subject matter experts. They provide a service that has been a great benefit to the whole community and are always willing to share their experience and expertise related to all communication functions and equipment. This team also participates in other planned events throughout the State of Utah, such as the Wasatch 100, Bike MS in Logan, marathon events, and others.

The City of South Jordan owns many assets to assist in communication for events and in the event of an emergency. One trailer, the 'Emergency Response Unit' trailer, is on the list of fleet replacement vehicles. This trailer has been used by Police and Fire as an ICP (Incident Command Post) and is also set up for radio communications. The City Fleet Manager estimates the current value of this trailer to be around \$3000. The City no longer needs this trailer and if it is provided to SLCoACT it would support shared goals of emergency preparedness while alleviating the City of the need to license, maintain and insure the trailer.

TEAM FINDINGS, CONCLUSIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS

FINDINGS:

- Working together with SLCoACT the City has gained volunteers and access to expertise that has benefited the City.
- Assisting SLCoACT in maintaining adequate equipment benefits the City because the City continues to receive volunteer support and is able to utilize SLCoACT if an emergency arises.
- The City has no other need for the surplus trailer.
- City-Wide Policy 210-03 Section 3. Subsection e. allows the City Council to adopt a resolution directing staff how to dispose of surplus property when the City Council identifies a corporate purpose.
- Utah Code 10-8-2(3) considers a corporate purpose to be “any purpose that, in the judgment of the municipal legislative body, provides for the safety, health, prosperity, moral well-being, peace, order, comfort, or convenience of the inhabitants of the municipality”.
- The agreement commits this SLCoACT to support City Emergency operations for a period of at least 18 months, or for three deployed and supported City events, whichever comes first.

CONCLUSIONS:

- The City Council has authority to declare via Resolution that disposing of the surplus trailer has the corporate purpose of providing for the safety, prosperity, and well-being of the City residents because supporting SLCoACT assists the City in its emergency preparedness and emergency response efforts.
- The City is complying with City policy. If the City Council adopts R2022-08, the trailer can be transferred to SLCoACT.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Approve Resolution R2022-08, declaring the corporate purpose of disposing of a surplus trailer and directing staff to sign an agreement with the Salt Lake County Auxiliary Communication Team.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The City will not spend any money by disposing of the trailer and will no longer have storage or licensing or maintenance responsibilities for the trailer. The only fiscal impact is the estimated \$3,000 that could be received through a surplus property sale.

ALTERNATIVES:

- Approve Resolution R2022-08, and via agreement transfer the surplus trailer to SLCoACT.
- Do not Approve Resolution R2022-08 and dispose of the surplus trailer via surplus sale or another way consistent with City policy.

SUPPORT MATERIALS:

- Resolution R2022-08

City Council Action Requested:



Department Head

1/31/2022

Date