



REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Title: IGA with Sweet Home Fire and Ambulance District for use of old City Hall

Preferred Agenda: October 13, 2020
October 06, 2020 – Admin/Fin/Property Committee

Submitted By: Ray Towry, City Manager

Reviewed By:

Type of Action: Resolution ___ Motion ___ Roll Call ___ **Other** X

Relevant Code/Policy:

Towards Council Goal: WE, as City Council, have been entrusted to make decisions that do the most good, for the most people, for the longest period of time to enhance the quality of life for our community.

- I. WE ASPIRE to make Sweet Home a community people find desirable to live in.
- II. WE ASPIRE to have an effective and efficient local government.
- III. WE ASPIRE to provide viable and sustainable infrastructure.
- IV. WE ASPIRE to provide viable and sustainable essential services.
- V. WE ASPIRE to create an economically strong environment in which businesses prosper.

GOAL #2 Be and effective and efficient government,
3. Invest in long term staff stability and training.

GOAL #3. Essential Services
2. Improve community safety, Police, Community Design, etc.
3. Develop partnerships with regional services and work to connect them with the appropriate members of the public.

Attachments: DRAFT IGA
Lease Agreement w/ Sweet Home Fire and Ambulance Dist.
Past New Era Articles

Purpose of this RCA:

For City council to consider an agreement with the Sweet Home Fire and Ambulance District (SHF&AD) allowing them to utilize the old city hall building for training purposes.

Background/Context:

With the City of Sweet Home moving operations to our new location, the old City Hall building at 1140 12th Avenue is vacant. The SHF&AD would like to discuss utilizing the facility for training purposes.

SHF&AD currently has no training facility. Most agencies have some type of training facility. As a result, SHF&AD must utilize other inefficient and sometimes more expensive options to provide training to their staff.

A representative of the SHF&AD will be present to discuss this option and answer questions.

The Administration, Finance and Property Committee reviewed the topic on October 6 and recommends the addition of a provision to the draft presented by SHF&AD that the property cannot be sold or used for any other purpose except the operation of a fire and ambulance service.

The Challenge/Problem:

Should the City enter into an agreement to allow the SHF&AD to use their building at 1140 12th Ave. for training purposes?

Stakeholders:

- Sweet Home Fire & Ambulance District – SHF&AD provides fire and ambulance services to citizens in Sweet Home and a large area outside of Sweet Home. They have a need to provide training to their largely volunteer firefighters.
- Citizens of Sweet Home – Citizens pay a levy to fund operations of the SHF&AD. They rely on SHF&AD personnel for emergency services. Many of the volunteers and paid staff are also city residents.
- Sweet Home Fire & Ambulance District residents – SHF&AD covers an expansive area and many of its constituents refer to themselves as members of the Sweet Home community.

Issues and Financial Impacts:

While the SHF&AD serves our citizens it also serves noncitizens.

Elements of a Stable Solution:

A decision or consensus from the Council as to approval of an IGA and/or elements of acceptable terms for an IGA.

Options:

1. Do Nothing – No action effectively rejects the proposal from the SHF&AD to use 1140 12th Ave. for training purposes.
2. Approve the Draft IGA as presented by SHF&AD – Council could approve the draft presented by SHF&AD.
3. Direct Staff to alter the IGA – Council could recommend additional provisions to the IGA.
4. Motion to approve the IGA with Modifications – Council could agree in principle but request specific changes or alterations before the IGA is signed by the Mayor.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends option s, Motion to approve the IGA as presented by SHF&AD with modifications to the effective date and any other provisions the Council wishes.