



REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Title: Request for Council Action – Authorizing the Purchase of 1211 Long Street

Preferred Agenda: June 23, 2026

Submitted By: Cecily Hope Pretty, Deputy City Manager

Reviewed By: Jason Ogden, City Manager / Police Chief

Type of Action: Resolution Motion Roll Call Other

Relevant Code/Policy: N/A

Towards Council Goal: Be an Effective and Efficient Government, Rejuvenate Essential Services, Economic Strength, Image Building

Attachments: N/A

Purpose of this RCA:

To seek City Council approval to purchase 1211 Long Street, formerly the “Garden Center,” for \$85,000.

Background/Context:

The City Manager and Library Services Director have engaged in negotiations to purchase available property in Sweet Home’s downtown area. 1211 Long Street was formerly associated with 1244 Long Street, which the City purchased in 2024 and was recently put back on the market for a listing price of \$99,900. The property in question would be utilized for outdoor Sweet Home Public Library programming and potentially other City events.

The Challenge/Problem:

City Council approval is needed to move forward with the purchase.

Issues and Financial Impacts:

The purchase price of \$85,000 is budgeted for in the Library’s Capital budget for the current fiscal year. The Library is already at capacity for certain public events and the space would allow for expansion in an outdoor setting. If purchased, the City would remove the existing structure and focus on simple site upgrades to make it usable for the public while planning longer-term for additional upgrades or future sale if its use was no longer needed. The property would also serve as an extension of the City’s planned Festival Street and a connection between 1244 Long and the existing Library.

Elements of a Stable Solution:

A decision that allows for revitalization of Sweet Home’s downtown and expansion of City services.

Options:

1. Do nothing: The City Manager will not move forward with the property purchase.
2. Authorize the property purchase: Move to approve the purchase of 1211 Long Street for a total of \$85,000.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends Option 2: Move to approve the purchase of 1211 Long Street for a total of \$85,000.