

City Council Meeting

Agenda Item

Data Sheet

Meeting Date: April 15, 2024

Topic:

Approve a donation agreement with the estate of Gilbert and Virginia Freitag for the donation and display of antique train equipment and authorize the City Manager to execute any and all documents related to the donation.

Background:

In July 2022, City staff and Depot Museum volunteers met were contacted by Gilbert Freitag to discuss his collection of antique train equipment as Mr. Freitag was interested in donating a number of items. After some discussion, staff believe the donation and display of these items would enhance the Depot museum offerings. As such, staff are requesting the City enter into a donation agreement with the Estate of Gilbert and Virginia Freitag to receive the donations and agree to display and maintain the antique train equipment for 20 years.

Per the agreement, the donation and display of antique train items will include a semaphore signal, wig-wag signal, dual search light signal, dual light road crossing signal, quad light road crossing signal with gate arm, base unit signal control, freight station baggage wagon, large wheel dual fire bottle cart, baggage scale and stitch stands.

Since July 2022, Mr. Freitag has removed the items from their previous location and has been restoring them to close to original condition. City staff has also worked with the donor to provide insight into installation location, storage and future operations and maintenance of the items.

The items are scheduled to be restored and installed at The Depot Museum location in Fall 2024. The City is finalizing quotes for concrete pads, electrical, and other site work to place the items and is recommending the use of ARP funds to complete the improvements.

Origination: Public Works

Recommendation:

Accept the Donation of Antique Train Items from The Estate of Gilbert and Virginia Freitag

Party(ies) responsible for placing this item on agenda:

Drew Huffman, Director of Public Works

FUNDING (IF APPLICABLE)

Are funds specifically designated in the current budget for the full amount required for this purpose?

Yes: _____ No: _____

If yes, specify Account Number: # _____

If no, funds will be transferred from account # _____

To account # _____

Signed Drew Huffman 03/18/2024
Staff Member Date

Approved by _____
City Manager Date