CITY OF TOPPENISH

Meeting Date:	June 23, 2025
Subject:	Event Tables for Lions Club
Attachments:	Resolution No. 2025-42
Presented by:	Dan Ford, PE – City Manager
Approved for Agenda by:	Dan Ford, PE – City Manager

Discussion:

In 2024 the City Council discussed the possibility of providing up to 20 picnic tables in parks adjacent to the Wild West Parade route in an effort to support the annual Lions Club breakfast event. A motion to "add the cost" was made and the motion passed. This motion did not include allowances for the parade in subsequent years and currently the City has been requested to provide 30 tables for the 2025 Lions Club Breakfast in conjunction to the Wild West Parade at no cost to the applicant.

The City Council discussed the picnic table issue at the June 2, 2025 study session and the June 9, 2025 regular meeting. Concerns over the ability for the City to provide the staff to load, move, set, and retrieve tables for the events was the focus especially when the City is extremely limited with Public Works staff who traditionally perform this effort.

The City Manager spoke with a representative of both the Lions Club and Rail & Steam, both of whom have an interest in event tables for their annual functions, and proposed to council that the City transfer ownership of at least 30 tables to the Lions Club in recognition of the Lions Club's longstanding civic engagement and consistent contributions to the community through the planning and execution of public events that significantly benefit the residents of the City, the City intends to transfer ownership of up to 30 picnic tables to the Lions Club. This transfer is being made in lieu of charging rental fees, and in acknowledgment of the Lions Club's historical and ongoing commitment to fostering inclusive, community-oriented events.

This action aligns with the City's support of local nonprofit efforts that promote the public good and will be carried out in accordance with applicable provisions of Washington State law governing the disposition of municipal property to nonprofit entities for public benefit purposes.

The city will still have approximately 12 tables for use with Gazebo rentals in the park throughout the year.

Fiscal Impact:

No fiscal impact is anticipated.

Recommendation:

Approve Resolution No. 2025-42 to transfer ownership of at least 30 picnic tables to the Lions Club for their use in community-oriented events.