



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, November 12, 2013

Council Session

Item G-3

#2013-348 - Approving Declaration of Surplus Property

Staff Contact: Steven Lamken

Council Agenda Memo

From: Steven Lamken, Police Chief

Meeting: November 12, 2013

Subject: Declaration of Surplus Property

Item #'s: G-3

Presenter(s): Steven Lamken, Police Chief

Background

The Police Department recovers numerous abandoned bicycles in the City. Those that are not claimed or returned to an owner are sold at auction as required by law. The Salvation Army has a program to repair bicycles and provide them to people who otherwise could not afford one. The Police Department desires to donate unclaimed bicycles to the Salvation Army and would like the City Council to declare the bicycles as surplus property to do this.

Discussion

The Police Department recovers numerous abandoned bicycles in the City. The Department attempts to locate an owner of the bicycles and must hold the bicycles for a specified length of time. Those that are not claimed or returned to an owner are sold at auction. The auction service does not want to handle the bicycles as many of them are old and damaged. The bicycles bring very low bids that do not make it worth the auction services time. Nor is it worth the Police Department's time and resources to sell the bicycles.

Michael Merritt, the Salvation Army Social Service Director has been conducting a program where he repairs bicycles and then they are donated to people and children who otherwise could not afford a bicycle. The bicycles are donated to people and the Salvation Army does not profit from the program. Mr. Merritt has been conducting this program for over seven years and has repaired and given away over 650 bicycles. Mr. Merritt said that he can use the bicycles and bicycle parts recovered by the Police Department in the Salvation Army program to fix up and repair bicycles.

Declaring bicycles recovered by the Police Department that are not claimed by owners as surplus property will allow the Department to give the bicycles to the Salvation Army.

Mr. Merritt will pick up the bicycles from the Police Department. This will save the Police Department time and resources in arranging for auction. It will also improve the chances of many of our underprivileged children and citizens in receiving a bicycle for transportation and or recreational purposes.

Alternatives

It appears that the Council has the following alternatives concerning the issue at hand. The Council may:

1. Move to approve
2. Refer the issue to a Committee
3. Postpone the issue to future date
4. Take no action on the issue

Recommendation

City Administration recommends that the Council declare that bicycles recovered by the Police Department that are unclaimed by an owner be declared surplus property and be donated to Salvation Army to be used in their bicycle fix up program.

Sample Motion

Move to declare bicycles recovered by the Police Department that are unclaimed by an owner be declared surplus property and be donated to Salvation Army to be used in their bicycle fix up program.

RESOLUTION 2013-348

WHEREAS, the Grand Island Police Department recovers numerous abandoned bicycles in the City; and

WHEREAS, many of the bicycles are not claimed by owners and remain in Police Department control; and

WHEREAS, the bicycles have minimal monetary value and sell for minimal prices at auction, and

WHEREAS, the Salvation Army operates a bicycle fix up program that provides bicycles to disadvantaged children and citizens without cost; and

WHEREAS, the Salvation Army can use these unclaimed bicycles in the fix up program; and

WHEREAS, the Police Department desires to have the unclaimed bicycles declared surplus property and donated to the Salvation Army.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA, that the bicycles recovered by the Police Department that are unclaimed by an owner are surplus property and shall be donated to the Salvation Army to be used in their bicycle fix up program.

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Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, November 12, 2013.

Jay Vavricek, Mayor

Attest:

RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

Approved as to Form	☐ _____
November 8, 2013	☐ City Attorney