



STAFF REPORT

DATE: July 5, 2016

REGULAR

ITEM #: 16

MOTION

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Kristina Handt, City Administrator

REVIEWED BY: Cathy Bendel, Finance Director

AGENDA ITEM: Funding for Fishing with Deputies Event

BACKGROUND:

Washington County Sherriff's Office is interested in working with the City of Lake Elmo to put together a community event or two this summer/fall. In the past they have done events in several cities within the county. During and after those events they found that it brings the community closer together and also creates positive interaction with law enforcement, the citizens, and the city. It also strengthens relationships and enhances the overall appeal of the city.

Last year the deputies hosted "Safe Summer Nights" in Cimarron. That event was well received. It was essentially a community BBQ. There were Sheriff's Office vehicles on display and several representatives from the Sheriff's Office interacting with the citizens that attended the event.

ISSUE BEFORE COUNCIL:

Should the City contribute \$1,000 towards a kids fishing event with the Washington County Deputies?

PROPOSAL DETAILS/ANALYSIS:

This year Deputy Ostertag has proposed doing a kids fishing event at Lake Elmo Park Reserve. This would be a 3-4 hour event geared towards kids that live in Lake Elmo. Last year a similar event was held in Landfall and the kids/parent's loved it. The request is for \$1000 from the city to help cover fishing poles, tackle, bait, food, drinks, raffle prizes, etc. The event would be planned for August or September.

Since this is an unbudgeted expense, Council approval is requested.

FISCAL IMPACT:

\$1,200 was budgeted for Parks and Recreation Events. Up to \$500 was approved for Nature Day at Sunfish Lake Park. The remaining funds could be used for this expense as well as a small amount of fund balance.

OPTIONS:

- 1) Approve up to \$1,000 for the Washington County Sherriff's Office Kids Fishing Event
- 2) Approve up to a different amount for the Washington County Sherriff's Office Kids Fishing Event
- 3) Do not approve funding for the Washington County Sherriff's Office Kids Fishing Event

RECOMMENDATION:

Motion to approve up to \$1,000 for the Washington County Sherriff's Office Kids Fishing Event