



Staff Report

For City Council Meeting - 1/5/2022

Subject - New Business - City Surplus Donation Request

Synopsis: Dave Rankin of the Seaside Fire & Water Rescue program emailed the City seeking information on the Durango, which the City recently declared as surplus property up for auction in January. He explained how it could be used within their program. He inquired about the possibility of donation vs. sealed bid. Staff feels this would be a best use for both the vehicle and SFWR, and requests Council make a motion to donate it. An IGA between Seaside and Gearhart would be signed per surplus property declaration law. A statement from Chief Como further explaining support is attached.

Recommended Motion: Staff recommends Council motion to approve donating the 2002 Dodge Durango to the Seaside Fire & Water Rescue program.

Legal Analysis: The vehicle was originally advertised as surplus property available for auction. If Council approves the donation, the auction notice will be amended and any bids received null and void. Per Peter Watts, there is no legal issue with gifting property to another government agency.

Financial Analysis: The minimum bid was listed at \$1500. However, as the SFWR program has donated countless hours and use of equipment in training Gearhart's up-and-coming water rescue program, Staff feels the exchange should be a donation in like-kind compensation vs. monetary.

Respectfully submitted,



Chad

12.28.2021

Memo

To:
Madam Mayor, Council,
Mr. Sweet

From:
Chief Como

CC:
Citizens of Gearhart

Re:
Surplus Durango to
Seaside Fire

Comments:

Seaside Fire has asked us to gift the surplus Durango, to them for their Rescue Services. I believe this to be a great opportunity for Gearhart to respond.

This will not only benefit the City of Seaside, but it will also directly impact the citizens of Gearhart. Seaside Fire currently provides direct operational coverage and oversight to all water rescue in Gearhart. They are on an Automatic Aid tone-out to all water rescues that happen in our fire district, as well as all of Clatsop County. Seaside Fire will utilize this vehicle in their response to transport personnel, equipment, or resources to water rescues wherever they may be called. By gifting this vehicle to Seaside, this allows them to keep critical vehicles closer to their service area. At this moment, those critical vehicles serve numerous roles, making them a scarce resource should they be needed for a water rescue. Seaside Fire has been the sole agency training Gearhart Fire in our implementation of a Water Rescue Program. They have provided well over 96 hours of training at no cost. We are not yet fully certified in this, so they provide that service for us free of charge. We are working to complete certification for Gearhart's WR program. After we are certified, Seaside Fire will still come to our aid on all water rescues because water rescues are like structure fires in the fact that they are both manpower and equipment intensive. It takes a group of people with special skills and special equipment to perform the rescue. We also must have redundancy in place in case one of our rescuers needs assistance, or need rescuing themselves. This is why I fully support gifting the vehicle instead of a monetary exchange.

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