

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

**SUBJECT: AMES PATRIOTIC COUNCIL MEMORIAL DAY PARADE REQUESTS
FOR MAY 25, 2009**

BACKGROUND:

Each year the Ames Patriotic Council conducts a community observance of Memorial Day. This observance involves a parade from City Hall to the Municipal Cemetery, followed by a memorial service at the Cemetery.

The following items are presented for City Council approval in order to facilitate the Memorial Day observance:

1. Closure of the south half of Parking Lot M (west of City Hall) from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. for staging of the parade entries
2. Closure of Fifth Street from Grand Avenue through the Clark Street intersection from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. for the line-up and start of the parade entries
3. Closure of Pearle at Fifth Street from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
4. Temporary closure of Clark Avenue from Fifth to Ninth Street as the parade moves northward
5. Temporary closure of Ninth Street between Clark Avenue and Maxwell Avenue as the parade moves eastward
6. Temporary closure of Sixth Street and Duff Avenue as the parade moves through those intersections

It should be noted that temporary closures of residential streets that intersect Ninth Street and Clark Avenue will occur as the parade progresses. Public Works will provide barricades for all of the street closure areas. Barricades will be staffed by parade volunteers and/or residents of the area. Most intersection closures will last only for a number of minutes.

The Old Town Neighborhood Association, Bandshell Neighborhood Association, and Willson-Beardshear Neighborhood Association have been notified of the event.

The Ames Police Department will provide a lead car for the parade and will assist participants through the Sixth Street and Duff Avenue intersections.

City Hall employees will be asked to park personal and work vehicles in the north half of Lot M for that morning. The rain location for activities will be the Ames Municipal Auditorium.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. The City Council can approve the Ames Patriotic Council's requests for use of City facilities and services for Memorial Day festivities on May 25, 2009.
2. The City Council can direct staff to make other arrangements with the Patriotic Council.
3. The City Council can deny the requests.

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

This annual Memorial Day celebration is an important way to strengthen our sense of community while honoring veterans and others who have passed away. Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative #1 and approve the Ames Patriotic Council's requests for use of City facilities and services for Memorial Day festivities on May 25, 2009.