

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

**SUBJECT: AMES PATRIOTIC COUNCIL MEMORIAL DAY PARADE REQUESTS
FOR MAY 25, 2015**

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 community memorial service at the Cemetery.

The following requests for May 25, 2015, are presented for City Council approval in order to facilitate the Memorial Day observance:

- 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
- Closure of Fifth Street from Grand Avenue through the Clark Avenue intersection from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. for the line-up and start of the parade entries
- Temporary closure of Clark Avenue from Fifth to Ninth Street (for movement of the parade) between 10:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
- Temporary closure of Ninth Street between Clark Avenue and Maxwell Avenue (for movement of the parade) between 10:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
- Temporary closure of Sixth Street at Clark Avenue and Duff Avenue at Ninth Street 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 few minutes. **Because Memorial Day is a City Holiday, there will be no lost parking meter revenue from the closed parking meters.**

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

Although Memorial Day is a City Holiday, any City Hall employees who still are working will be asked to park vehicles in the north half of Lot M 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 as outlined above for the Memorial Day observance on May 25, 2015.
2. The City Council can ask the Ames Patriotic Council to pursue alternate plans for the Memorial Day observance.
3. The City Council can deny the requests.

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

The parade and memorial service at the Municipal Cemetery are an integral part of the community's annual Memorial Day commemoration. Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council approve Alternative #1, thereby approving the Ames Patriotic Council's requests for use of City facilities and services for Memorial Day activities on May 25, 2015.