

**COUNCIL ACTION FORM**

**SUBJECT:**           **OUTDOOR ICE RINK DONATION**

**BACKGROUND:**

Many years ago, the City maintained temporary outdoor ice rinks in multiple locations throughout the community. However, for the past several years only one outdoor ice rink was available to the public, in North River Valley Park. The Ames Minor Hockey Association (AMHA) maintained the ice. Although it was available for hockey and open skate, it was primarily used for hockey. Resident feedback indicated a desire for additional outdoor ice rinks, so in 2016, the City purchased a portable ice rink and placed it at Homewood Golf Course the past two winters. The rink in North River Valley Park was dismantled in 2017 to allow access to the low head dam to contractors without affecting traffic in the rest of the park.

Representatives from AMHA recently approached City staff about contacting the Iowa Wild regarding a potential donation of an outdoor rink for public use. The Wild has donated rinks in other central Iowa communities. Staff met with Iowa Wild and Wells Fargo representatives to discuss this possibility. Responsibilities for each entity were discussed and are outlined in Attachment A. The value of the donated materials is approximately \$8,000. In addition, Iowa Wild requested a hold harmless agreement, which is included as Attachment B. The City Attorney has reviewed the agreement and approved it.

The Council should note that acceptance of the rink donation requires the City to install the rink and maintain it, store the materials during the off season, and provide accessories such as benches and mats. The agreement also requires the installation of banners recognizing Iowa Wild and Wells Fargo. AMHA is willing to maintain the ice during the skating season.

Staff suggests this new rink and the existing rink formerly installed at Homewood should both be set up in South River Valley Park for this year. A more permanent location outside of the flood plain will be sought for the future. One rink would be designated for hockey and one for open skate.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Accept the donation of the outdoor ice rink from Iowa Wild and Wells Fargo and approve the accompanying hold harmless agreement.
2. Do not approve the donation and accompanying agreement.

**CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

The addition of a second outdoor ice rink will allow one rink to be used for hockey and one for open skate. Since Iowa Wild and Wells Fargo are donating the rink, the City will not need to expend money up front to provide this amenity. Staff also feels it is reasonable to hang Iowa Wild and Wells Fargo banners on the rink to recognize their donation. In addition, AMHA is willing to assist in maintaining the ice which helps reduce staff time dedicated to this operation.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative #1, thereby recommending the City Council accept the donation of the outdoor ice rink from Iowa Wild and Wells Fargo and approving the accompanying hold harmless agreement.

## ATTACHMENT A

### IOWA WILD & WELLS FARGO OUTDOOR ICE RINK

#### **Expectations of Iowa Wild & Wells Fargo:**

- Provide a 40' X 80' Iron Slek outdoor ice rink with boards (19" high on the sides; 42" on the ends)
- Provide Iowa Wild and Wells Fargo banners for hanging
- Provide Iowa Wild and Wells Fargo logos to be used on signage

#### **Expectations of the City:**

- The City would be responsible for all aspects of the rink (installation, management, etc.)
- Provide restrooms accessible to the public using this rink
- Free to the public
- Cannot reserve ice time
- Be available for free skate and stick & puck (if this rink is adjacent another rink, it is permissible for one rink be designated for free skate and the other one for stick & puck)
- Store rink materials during the off season
- Purchase a new liner each year
- Display an Iowa Wild and a Wells Fargo banner on the rink boards until the rink materials are no longer useable
- Provide rule signage which is to include Iowa Wild and Wells Fargo logos that are provided
- Post hours
- Provide a green sign to indicate rink is open and a red sign to indicate it is closed
- Flood the rink as needed (approximately two-three times per week)
- Provide benches and matting for skaters to walk on from bench to rink
- Provide a ramp to get over side boards that is ADA compliant (ramp is not needed on the ice side of boards)
- Set-up rink in October/November, weather permitting, and install liner prior to flooding
- Host ribbon cutting event in early December on a weekday (1:00-2:00 PM)
- Sign an agreement regarding the donation of this outdoor rink
- Provide hockey goals if desired

ATTACHMENT B

September 25, 2018

City of Ames  
515 Clark Avenue  
Ames, IA 50010

Per a mutual agreement between the parties, the City of Ames and/or its affiliates shall receive the Iron Sleek portable rink system measuring 3200 square feet in Rink size and 4500 square feet in Liner size from Iowa Wild Hockey Club, LLC ("IWHC") as a donation of goods. The City of Ames shall hold and save the IWHC harmless from and against any loss, damage, injury, or costs that the City of Ames may incur due to the City's use of the Iron Sleek portable rink system donated by the IWHC to the City. The City of Ames understand and agrees that the City shall be responsible for all service, maintenance or repairs associated with the portable rink system from the date of donation forward.

Please acknowledge your consent to the terms listed above and incorporated by reference by signing below.

Regards,

Todd Frederickson  
President, Iowa Wild

Acknowledged and agreed to by:

City of Ames

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Its: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Accepted:

Iowa Wild

By:  \_\_\_\_\_

Its: President

Date: 9/5/18