

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: APPROVAL TO USE CITY HALL FOR A DRUG DROP-OFF SITE

BACKGROUND:

On July 14, the City Council received a request from the Story County Prevention Policy Board to use the Ames City Hall for a community Drug Drop-Off site. It is anticipated that an event will be held on August 1, 2009, to allow community members to safely and confidentially dispose of over the counter and prescription drugs which may be beyond their expiration dates or are no longer needed.

This event has previously been held in Nevada and over 20 pounds of pills were collected. By disposing of prescription drugs and over the counter medications properly, they are kept out of the hands of potential drug abusers as well as the City's water supply system.

Actual hours for the event will be from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on August 1, 2009. Staff is recommending that the west access to the building be available for the drop-off from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. to cover possible set-up and tear down activities. We have received an insurance certificate from Youth and Shelter Services, and the Police Department has identified an officer who will be present for the entire collection time. The drugs will be disposed of at the Resource Recovery Plant.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. The City Council may approve the request from the Story County Prevention Policy Board for the use of City Hall as a drug drop-off site on August 1, 2009, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
2. The City Council may deny this request and ask the Story County Prevention Policy Board to arrange for another drop-off location.

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION:

It is in the best interests of the community to have a means of disposing of prescription drugs and over-the-counter medication in a safe manner which does not allow for either contamination of the environment or for the drugs to fall into the hands of potential drug abusers. Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopts Alternative #1 and approve the request from the Story County Prevention Policy Board for the use of City Hall as a drug drop-off site on August 1, 2009, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.