

ITEM #: 15  
DATE: 05-14-24  
DEPT: ADMIN

**COUNCIL ACTION FORM**

**SUBJECT:      REQUESTS FROM AMES PATRIOTIC COUNCIL FOR MEMORIAL DAY  
PARADE ON MONDAY, MAY 29, 2024**

**BACKGROUND:**

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

The following requests for May 27, 2024, are presented for City Council approval in order to facilitate the Memorial Day observance:

- Closure of Pearle Avenue and Fifth Street from east of Pearle 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.

A blanket Temporary Obstruction Permit is also requested for the closed areas. It should also 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.

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

The rain location for activities will be the Ames Municipal Auditorium. No lost parking meter revenue is anticipated due to the holiday.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Approve the Ames Patriotic Council's requests for use of City facilities and services as outlined above of for the Memorial Day observance on May 27, 2024.
2. Direct the Ames Patriotic Council to pursue alternate plans for the Memorial Day observance.
3. Do not approve the requests.

**CITY 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, as described above.

**ATTACHMENT(S):**

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