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Date: Monday, February 14, 2011

To: Honorable Mayor and City Council

From: Staff Sergeant Dennis Pullin

Request:

Consideration of a request to approve the applications for the Saint Patrick's Day Parade and Celebration sponsored by Bev and Steve O'Connor. The events will be held on Thursday, March 17, 2011.

Time Estimate:

Staff requests that this item be placed on the consent calendar.

Background:

On February 1, 2011, Bev and Steve O'Connor submitted a Special Events Application and Parade Application for the annual Saint Patrick's Day Parade and Celebration.

The parade is to be held on Thursday, March 17, 2011, at 12:00 p.m. on Main Avenue, beginning in the 600 Block of Main Avenue East/South (the area of Krengel's True Value Hardware Store). The parade will travel west on Main Avenue to the 500 Block of Main Avenue North/West (the area of the Magic Valley High School). The parade participants will begin to assemble at 11:00 a.m.

Main Avenue East/South will be closed from Murtaugh Street to Castleford Street. The staging area will be located in the 600 Block of Main Avenue and the parade floats will disperse at the 500 Block of Main Avenue.

There will be an estimated 30 floats in the parade, which will be decorated with a Saint Patrick's Day theme. It is anticipated that 1,000 people will be in attendance to observe the parade. The event sponsors have paid the application fee.

The Twin Falls City Street Department will provide the traffic cones and barricades for the event.

Steve and Bev O'Connor's Special Events Application requests the closure of the 100 Block of Main Avenue North/West, starting at Shoshone Street, west on Main Avenue to an area just west of the Magic Valley Bank. The street closure will begin at the conclusion of the parade. This street closure will be in place to allow for the overflow of patrons attending the celebration after the parade and will remain closed until O'Dunken's closes for business that evening.

This event will require two (2) Twin Falls County Sheriff's Reserve Deputies to provide security from 5:00 p.m. until O'Dunken's closes for business and the crowd disperses. Bev and Steve O'Connor will provide security fencing along the curb area of Shoshone Street North and Main Avenue North to deter participants of the celebration from spilling over into traffic on Shoshone Street. Port-a-potties will be provided and will be located in the angled parking area in front of the Magic Valley Bank. Barricades for this street closure will be provided by Bev and Steve O'Connor. There will also be a band playing live music. The band stage will be set up on the sidewalk area of Main Avenue West. The band will play from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. Bev and Steve O'Connor will be responsible for the clean up in the immediate area of the event and the affected surrounding area of downtown.

The Twin Falls Police Department received one call for service related to a fight during the 2010 event. This incident took place approximately one block away from the event location. It is not known if the incident stemmed from the Saint Patrick's Day Event.

The Twin Falls Fire Department will also assist with traffic control at both intersections of 2nd Avenue East/North and Shoshone Street and 2nd Avenue West/South and Shoshone Street.

Approval Process: N/A

Budget Impact:

This event will require a total of nine (9) Twin Falls Police Officers, five (5) of which will be on overtime; three (3) non-sworn Police employees on overtime; and Citizens on Patrol volunteers. A briefing will be held at 10:30 a.m. Street closures will take place at 11:30 a.m. The parade is scheduled to start at 12:00 p.m. and is estimated to conclude by 1:30 p.m. It is estimated that this event will take four (4) hours to allow for street closures, allowing traffic flows to adjust, and the opening of streets at the conclusion of the parade. The total cost for overtime for this event will be approximately $1,200. This cost has been included in the Twin Falls Police Department overtime budget. (Note: This amount is less than the last few years due to the Traffic Team all being on duty during this particular event.)

Regulatory Impact: N/A

Conclusion:

Several relevant City Staff members have met and approved this Special Event and Parade Application. The Twin Falls Police Department Staff has also met and approved these applications.

Attachments:

None

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