

COUNCIL DECISION REQUEST

SUBJECT: Request for Support/Hashknife Pony Express

MEETING DATE: January 4, 2006

CSP ITEM: Yes No x

ITEM NO.: I.4

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE: N/A

SUBMITTED BY: Fred Carpenter

AMOUNT BUDGETED: -0-

SUBMITTAL TO AGENDA

EXPENDITURE REQUIRED: \$2,800

APPROVED BY TOWN MANAGER

CONT. FUNDING REQUIRED: \$2,800

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EXHIBITS (If Applicable, To Be Attached):

Letter of Request from Hashknife Pony Express

RECOMMENDED MOTION : I move to allocate \$2,800 from contingency to support the annual Hashknife Pony Express ride from Holbrook through Payson to Scottsdale as part of the Parada del Sol.

SUMMARY OF THE BASIS FOR RECOMMENDED MOTION: In the past four fiscal years, the Town has provided support to the annual Hashknife Pony Express ride in the amount of \$2,500. Support was eliminated during the process of developing the FY 06/07 budget. We recently received the attached letter requesting consideration of renewal of that support. Funding would have to come from contingency; approximately \$76,000 remains in the account of the original \$637,616 allocated.

PROS: The Hashknife annual ride has been a tradition in this area for 49 years.

CONS: Since funding was not included in this year's budget, it would have to come from the contingency account.

PUBLIC INPUT (if any): None

BOARD/COMMITTEE/COMMISSION ACTIONS/RECOMMENDATIONS (if any) (give dates and attach minutes):

None

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HASHKNIFE PONY EXPRESS

HOLBROOK * PAYSON * SCOTTSDALE

MR FRED CARPENTER
 PAYSON TOWN MANAGER
 303 NORTH BEELINE HIGHWAY
 PAYSON , ARIZONA 85541

DEAR MR CARPENTER,

THE 49TH ANNUAL PONY EXPRESS, "HASHKNIFE" STYLE, WILL BE GOING INTO TOWN ON JANUARY 31st 2007. AS YOU HAVE WORKED WITH US IN THE PAST, YOU KNOW ABOUT ALL OF THE EXPENSES THAT OUR 501 c 3 MUST INCUR DURING THE RIDE. WITH OUR COMMUNITY SUPPORT HERE IN PAYSON IT MAKES OUR RIDE A SUCCESS. AS WE HAVE IN THE PAST, THE POSSE HAS ASKED FOR MONETARY HELP. THE POSSE EVERY YEAR DOES A COST CHART FOR EXPENDITURES, AND IT NEVER FAILS THAT IT SLOWLY CREEPS UP YEAR AFTER YEAR. THIS YEAR WE ARE ASKING FOR TWENTY EIGHT HUNDRED DOLLARS TO COVER RIDE COSTS. HOLBROOK, PAYSON AND SCOTTSDALE ARE THE BACKBONE TO MAKING THIS RIDE FOR THE PAST FORTY NINE YEARS. OUT OF THIS DOLLAR AMOUNT WE WILL HAVE THE YEARLY HAND OUT OF BANDANAS AT THE POST OFFICE FOR ALL OF THE SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN, WITH THE TOWN OF PAYSON LOGO ON THEM. ALSO THE TOWN LOGO WILL BE ON THE COLLECTOR POSTER FOR THIS YEARS RIDE. LOOKING TO TALK TO YOU FURTHER, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CALL ME.

SINCERELY,

CHUCK JACKMAN
 ASST. TRAIL BOSS
 PAYSON SWING BOSS
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