



Date: Monday, February 24, 2020
To: Honorable Mayor and City Council
From: Ryan Howe, Police Department

ACTION ITEM

Request:

ACTION ITEM: Request to approve the Annual Saint Patrick's Day Parade Application and Special Event Celebration sponsored by Bev O'Connor and Jennifer Colvin of O'Duncans, to be held on Tuesday, March 17th, 2020.

Time Estimate:

Request this agenda item to be placed on the consent calendar.

Background:

In January of 2020, I received a Special Event Application and a Parade Application from Bev O'Connor and Jennifer Colvin for the annual Saint Patrick's Day Parade and Special Event Celebration.

The parade is to be held on Tuesday, March 17, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. on Main Avenue, beginning in the 600 block of Main Avenue East/South, the area of Krengle'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 assembly for the parade participants will begin at 3:00 p.m.

Main Avenue will be closed from Murtaugh Street, where the staging area will be located, to Castleford Street, where the parade floats will disperse.

Due to safety concerns and prior parade activities, The Twin Falls Police Department has requested to block all downtown parking on Main Street from Idaho Street to Fairfield Street to allow pedestrians a safe area to watch the parade. Posting of signs will occur in the early morning hours of the scheduled parade. Main Street will be left open for traffic and parking until 1:00 p.m. Vehicles will be allowed to park on main, outside of the five-block area listed above during the parade.

There will be an estimated 30 floats in the parade. These floats will be decorated with a theme for Saint Patrick's Day. As with prior years, there will be an estimated 1,000 people in attendance to observe the parade based on the weather. The parade application fee has been paid and the required insurance for the event has been applied for.

Portable toilets and trash receptacles will also be provided for participants in the area of O'Duncans. There will be additional security required by the Police Department after the event because of alcohol service outside of the establishments. The cost of this security is to be paid by the event organizer. This security shall Twin Falls County Deputies or Twin Falls Police Officers. Main Avenue from Shoshone Avenue to Gooding Street will also remain closed from the end of the parade until 10:00 p.m. Catering permits will be required for each business serving alcohol outside of the business. Wristbands will be required for consumption and possession of alcohol on the sidewalk and street areas in the closed section of town. Bev O'Connor and Jennifer Colvin will be responsible for the cleanup in the immediate

area of the event and the surrounding area of downtown affected.

The Twin Falls Police Department handled multiple parking violations and calls during the 2019 event as well as a report of alcohol being left unattended and accessible by one of the businesses.

It will be the event Sponsor's responsibility to notify downtown business owners of the event and street closures 14 days before the event as per city code.

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

The event organizer will be responsible for providing traffic control closing Main Avenue between Gooding Street and Shoshone Street after the parade and re-opening the street at 10:00 p.m.

Approval Process:

N/A

Budget Impact:

Regulatory Impact:

N/A

History:

N/A

Analysis:

N/A

Conclusion:

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

Attachments:

None