

CITY OF SUNFISH LAKE

DATE: July 26, 2017
TO: Mayor & Council
FROM: Cathy Iago, City Clerk/Administrator
RE: Request to Participate in Inver Grove Heights Clean-Up Day

BACKGROUND: It was brought to my attention by Master Recycler and resident Shari Hansen that at the October 4, 2016 Council meeting, Council authorized funds in the amount of \$1,000 for the City to participate in the Inver Grove Heights Clean-Up Day and to fund other recycling events in 2017. Council further stated in the motion that they would consider increasing the funding in 2018 based on participation.

At the July 11, 2017 Council meeting, Council denied the request based on the fact they would prefer to spend funds on sharing a recycling person with neighboring cities and that it appeared to be too costly to participate in the Clean-Up Day.

Staff contacted Inver Grove Heights to advise that Sunfish Lake would not participate due to the cost. The Inver Grove Heights Recycling Coordinator informed me that the estimated cost of \$500 was merely an example and did not reflect the actual cost to participate. I received a revised cost estimate that showed the actual cost could be lower and was dependent upon the number of Sunfish Lake residents that attend the event.

As part of our Dakota County Recycling Grant requirements the City's participation in this event would serve to meet the one of the goals set forth in the grant application. Also, the Sunfish Lake Quarterly Newsletter is scheduled for distribution in early August and staff would have sufficient time to place an article in the newsletter to inform residents of the event.

If Council agrees that the City may participate in the event this year it would provide information in order to determine whether or not the City should continue partnering for this event in the future.

ACTION REQUIRED: Staff recommends that Council consider authorizing the expenditure for the City of Sunfish Lake to participate in the Inver Grove Heights Clean-Up Day due to the fact that funds were approved in 2016 for this purpose and that participation would serve to meet one of the goals outlined in the Dakota County Recycling Grant application and provide information as to whether or not to continue partnering in the event in the future.

Attachments: (2)

Council Meeting Minutes October 4, 2016
Email from Inver Grove Heights Recycling Coordinator