

Memorandum

To: Mayor and Council
From: Mayor Gordon and Tom Baker
Date: June 16, 2015
Re: Request for Funding: 4th of July Celebration – Apple Tree Community

Purpose: The purpose of this item is discuss partnering with the Apple Tree Community for their 4th of July Celebration.

Discussion: As Council is aware, the Talbott's have partnered with the town and community on a variety of events since time out of memory – Burning Mountain Festival, 125th Anniversary events, Community Days and others. Although the Talbott's have not made a request for funding assistance for the 4th of July, the Mayor and I met with Ross, Ross Mark and Russell on another issue and had the opportunity to inquire about how the town could assist with this event. In general, the cost of the event is approximately \$6,000 (fireworks, entertainment, kid games and food). Kids games run from noon to 5PM and entertainment starts in the evening, with fireworks at 9 or 9:30.

Opportunities for the town to assist are:

- Funding (suggestion - \$3,000 or 50%?)
- Volunteer assistance, especially from noon to 5 PM to help with kid games (50-75 volunteers needed).
- Provide trash containers – MRI cardboard containers (10 trash and 4 recycle)
- Clean-up on Monday morning (2 people).
- Provide games – Pickleball equipment?

Debbie Nichols is working with Terri Knob to get the word out that we need volunteers. If you can volunteer please contact Debbie and get on the list.

Debbie has coordinated with MRI cardboard trash containers are available and easy for the town to acquire. They are also reusable.

Since Monday (July 6th) is a regular work day for PW, John Wenzel can assign 2 people for early morning clean-up.

Larry McDonald will make Pickleball equipment available for the day.

Request: We request the Council discuss allocating funds to off-set the cost of this event, which all of New Castle enjoys.