

A G E N D A R E P O R T

DATE January 8, 2008

ITEM Use of Missouri Room Without Charge for Math Competition

INITIATED BY Society of Professional Engineers, Bill Burkland

ACTION REQUESTED Approve Free Use of Missouri & Rainbow Rooms Feb. 20, 2008

PRESENTED BY Cheryl Patton, Assistant City Manager

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RECOMMENDATION: The Society of Professional Engineers request that the City co-sponsor the North-central Montana MathCounts Chapter competition, a national competition for 6-8 grade math students by foregoing the rental rates of the Missouri and Rainbow Rooms.

MOTION: I move the City Commission to approve the request that the City co-sponsor the MathCounts Competition on February 20, 2008 by waiving the rental rates for the use of the Missouri and Rainbow Rooms.

SYNOPSIS: In a letter dated January 2, 2008, the Society of Professional Engineers requested free use of the Missouri and Rainbow Rooms on February 20, 2008 to hold an annual, national math competition for 6-8 grade students of north-central Montana. The society sponsors the competition and usually uses Heritage Hall at MSU-COT which is not available this year due to construction. Normal rent for the two rooms would be \$375 for one day.

BACKGROUND:

Due to the number of similar requests each year, the following guiding principals have been established for the City to contribute an amount up to \$500:

- Requests should only be accepted from non-profit, public service organizations; and
- Requests will be granted only where the City Commission or another City agency finds a public purpose in co-sponsoring an event; and
- Requests will be considered when the event is to serve the public rather than to raise funds; and
- The event is free to the public; and
- The event benefits the youth of the community.

This request meets all of the above-referenced requirements. The students are not charged a fee to compete, except the schools sending competitors pay for the testing materials that are used.

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