

RESOLUTION NO. 1314

RESOLUTION DECLARING TWO SUMMER CAMP DAY TRIPS AS PUBLIC PURPOSES AND APPROVING FUNDING FOR TRANSPORTATION.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of West Branch, Iowa adopted a Mission Statement through the adoption of Resolution 1202 on June 23, 2014; and

WHEREAS, this Mission Statement sums up an organization's direction and outlines goals for what the City of West Branch hopes to accomplish; and

WHEREAS, the City's mission is to preserve and enhance the City of West Branch as a historically-significant community with a safe, small town, family atmosphere, whose financial and physical resources are managed wisely through policies and programs which assure the long term health, sustainability, and vitality of the community; and

WHEREAS, the City Council adopted a Comprehensive Plan Update on April 1, 2013 which identified recreational programs as "vital components to a community's quality of life" that contribute to improved livability; and

WHEREAS, the City Council identified improved livability in this Comprehensive Plan Update as a positive factor in attracting new residents, business and workers; and

WHEREAS, public input gathered as part of the Comprehensive Plan called for more activities for youth and teens; and

WHEREAS, the City's Parks and Recreation Department annually holds a day camp for children at the end of the summer; and

WHEREAS, the City's Parks and Recreation Department in 2015 has planned for an additional week of summer camp; and

WHEREAS, the annual budget for the City's Parks and Recreation Department includes funding two day trips during the summer camps; and

WHEREAS, the first week of summer camp will feature a trip to the Shedd Aquarium in Chicago, IL on Thursday July 30, 2015; and

WHEREAS, Windstar Lines, Inc. has submitted a proposed agreement to provide transportation in the amount of \$2,022.00 for that trip; and

WHEREAS, the second week of summer camp will feature a trip to the Iowa State Fair on Thursday August 20, 2015; and

WHEREAS, Windstar Lines, Inc. has submitted a proposed agreement to provide transportation in the amount of \$1,198.00; and

WHEREAS, the City Council believes that offering summer camp opportunities and specifically day trips during summer camps helps the City of West Branch achieve the goals and purpose of the City as captured in the City's Mission Statement and Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, the City Council believes that the day trips to the Shedd Aquarium and to the Iowa State Fair will help the City achieve the goals and purpose of the City as captured in the City's Mission Statement and Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, Windstar Lines, Inc. has agreed to provide transportation to these events for the sum of \$3,220.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, It Is Resolved by the Council of the City of West Branch, Iowa, that the day camp trips to Shedd Aquarium and the Iowa State Fair and the transportation of participants by bus to these locations are declared public purposes.

Passed and approved this 18th day of May, 2015.



Mark Worrell, Mayor

ATTEST:



Matt Muckler, City Clerk