

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Jeff McCormick, Chief of Police

SUBJECT: Resolution Authorizing Acceptance of a Donation

DATE: May 1, 2019

BACKGROUND

The Cannon Falls Police Department has received a donation from Seig McClure of \$150.00. His donation was made to honor his dog Bubba to express his appreciation to the Cannon Falls Police Department. The letter Mr. McClure wrote sums up his reasons for this donation better than a summary here would, so I have attached the letter for your review.

I will say that while the Police Department does not receive the volume of donations that the ambulance or fire department may receive, the letter underscores the important service that the Police Department provides. Having a member of the community take the time to recognize the importance of that service in such a personal way is very much appreciated. Our officers have a lot of discretion in doing their job, the Department provides the guidance and expectations for them, but they make a lot of independent decisions. I stress that they be guided by always doing the right thing, which is an important value of our Department. I am so proud of my staff and Department because in this case, while making independent decisions, they separately arrived at the same course of action. This was the right thing to do, not only for the citizens but in this case for the pet.

REQUESTED COUNCIL ACTION

Request a motion to adopt Resolution 2424 authorizing acceptance of the Donation.

To Everyone that keeps Cannon Falls
Police Department going,

My name is Serg McClure and
I live at
I was the old dog (that several
of you brought home) Bubba's
person. He was my dog for
eighteen years. He was
the most amazing little Berner
for sixteen or so of those
years. Then his eyes went and
he went deaf, and I would open
his can of food in the morning
and watch him sleeping like
a rock and then they twitch.
Boom! then he would find me
and his food and I knew he was
still in there.

So as I was watching
him decline I bought the house
here across from the park
so that when he died I could
keep him with me. Well,

to my horror he started wandering off and getting lost in the woods, at the river and even washed down and across once. So I built a fence, but every single time it was left open he would slip out and disappear. He had never done this kind of thing before, Bubba was always there - or on his way back.

Maybe three or four times I remember thinking "Get ready because this is probably it and you won't have his body" And every single time you found him and brought him back AND treated him with dignity even though he most likely would have bitten you if he had the chance.

I had to put Bubba down two weeks ago as he had a tumor in his snout that was growing him

some serious pain. It was such a relief for him. For me it was every good memory I've got with him being able and ready because there was ^{is} so much peace just knowing where he actually is. And I wouldn't have that if it wasn't for all of you. Thank you so much for carrying while you do the job you do.

With special thanks to:
Officer Dave - found him in the river under the bridge - the tressle bridge - climbed all the way down and got muddy as hell - thank you man!
Officer Jill - Jill would call me on her day off is she saw him - which she did several times and always in a different area - thank you so much!
Officer Fisher - found Bibba like a white down on the bike path on Christmas Eve. That could have really sucked - thank you much!
Lt. Berg - I never met you but

why your friend was so impressed
that you aren't above wrangling
and personally bringing him
to our house... like a prince!
I really appreciate it.

I realize you could have
brought him with some penalty for
all the time we were taking
but you never did. And I
like to think that you care, everyone
around loves you guys and the
personal touch.

This check is for Bobba's
sake. I like to think that he
would puff up and feel like
his time on the lamb was
disruptive and time consuming
for the officers, as validated
by this imaginary ticket in
paying for him. Ha ha

Thanks again
Serg

**CITY OF CANNON FALLS
GOODHUE COUNTY, MINNESOTA**

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2424

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF A DONATION

WHEREAS, the Cannon Falls Police Department provides police services to the community of Cannon Falls; and

WHEREAS, the police services provided are of a wide range and are provided to all citizens; and

WHEREAS, Seig McClure wants to recognize the valuable service that the Cannon Falls Police Department provides by making a donation to the Cannon Falls Police Department in the amount of One Hundred and Fifty Dollars;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Cannon Falls accepts this donation on behalf of the Cannon Falls Police Department and approves the Chief of Police to utilize this donation to the Cannon Falls Police Department in a manner that advances community engagement and goodwill that may not have been possible without the donation.

ADOPTED by the City Council of Cannon Falls this 7th day of May, 2019.

CITY OF CANNON FALLS

John O. Althoff, Mayor

ATTEST: _____

David Maroney, City Administrator