

CITY OF LARAMIE, WYOMING
RESOLUTION 2020-42

RESOLUTION EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO THE CITY OF CHEYENNE FOR ASSISTANCE AND
SUPPORT EXTENDED TO THE CITY OF LARAMIE TO MITIGATE EFFECTS OF SNOWSTORM ON
JUNE 8TH

WHEREAS, on June 8, 2020, the City of Laramie experienced a severe spring snowstorm; and

WHEREAS, much damage occurred throughout the community, which left an excessive amount of debris in the form of all sizes of trees, tree limbs and branches in various City right-of-way's and private residences; and

WHEREAS, a great number of Laramie's residents, including many of our elderly and student community members, lacked the equipment and ability to haul debris to the City-provided drop off locations; and

WHEREAS, the financial impact of the COVID-19 pandemic has necessitated a hiring freeze and thereby reduced the number of provisional staff in our Parks and Recreation Division, significantly decreasing the City's ability to provide timely debris cleanup; and

WHEREAS, the City of Laramie contacted the Cheyenne Mayor and Forestry Division for assistance; and

WHEREAS, on the next day, on Thursday, June 11 through Friday, June 12, 2020, Cheyenne's Forestry Crews assisted in Laramie for 10.5 hours each day, totaling 21 hours per day/per volunteer; and

WHEREAS, six (6) Cheyenne Forestry crew members and Cheyenne City Forester Mark Ellison assisted on Thursday, June 11th and five (5) Cheyenne Forestry personnel on Friday, June 12th, for a total of 104.5 personnel hours; and

WHEREAS, Cheyenne provided the following equipment to assist in the cleanup: grapple dump truck, woodchipper and truck, 75' bucket truck, and a pick-up truck; and

WHEREAS, the Cheyenne crew assisted Laramie's crew to make safe those trees with large broken limbs still hung-up in upper branches located in Washington Park, LaBonte Park, LaPrele Park, Kiwanis Park, Optimist Park, Depot Park and Undine Park with 125 trees pruned for safety mitigation (\$91 per tree); and

WHEREAS, Cheyenne's chipper and grapple crew also chipped or removed piles of branches piled in Laramie's Parks by Laramie Parks crews within those seven (7) parks identified above, and

WHEREAS, the estimated value of Cheyenne's aid of personnel, specialized equipment and pick-up truck constitutes a total estimated value of \$11,403 of volunteer in-kind assistance to the Laramie community, and

WHEREAS, the City of Laramie wishes to acknowledge this generous cross-jurisdictional support and the voluntary efforts of the Cheyenne Forestry Crew to mitigate this severe spring snowstorm.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the City of Laramie, Wyoming, that the Cheyenne Mayor, Forestry Crew and Cheyenne City Forester be recognized and thanked for their exceptional volunteer service to the City of Laramie in sustained cleanup efforts conducted on June 11 and 12, 2020.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 7th day of July 2020.





Joe Shumway, Mayor and President
of Laramie City Council

ATTEST:



Nancy Bartholomew
City Clerk