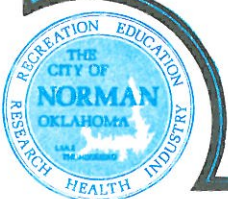


A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO FUND EMERGENCY SHELTER FOR THE HOMELESS IN THE EVENT OF EXTREME WEATHER TEMPERATURES.

- § 1. WHEREAS, an Annual Point in Time Count of Homelessness is performed in the City of Norman annually during the last week of January; and
- § 2. WHEREAS, this Count documents the individuals and households that meet the definition of homelessness as defined by the Department of Housing and Urban Development; and
- § 3. WHEREAS, over the last few years, the Count has ranged from four hundred to six hundred homeless individuals within the City of Norman; and
- § 4. WHEREAS, in addition to these figures, three hundred fifty seven school age children reported homelessness in the past year and the Oklahoma Department of Human Services reports a total of 1,011 individuals are living doubled up with friends or family or in a place unfit for human habitation within the City of Norman; and
- § 5. WHEREAS, the above individuals and families are the ones that may find themselves in need of emergency shelter without notice; and
- § 6. WHEREAS, Food and Shelter for Friends, a local nonprofit dedicated to feeding hungry men, women, and children and to housing families in crisis, contacted the City of Norman City Council regarding a need for funds to pay for hotel rooms for homeless individuals and families particularly during the freezing winter months; and
- § 7. WHEREAS, Food and Shelter for Friends currently has a Policy in place regarding the provision of emergency shelter; and
- § 8. WHEREAS, that Policy states that during extreme weather months, Food and Shelter for Friends will open their facility to provide emergency shelter to individuals who live on the streets of the City of Norman; and
- § 9. WHEREAS, according to the Policy, extreme weather months include summer days where the temperatures remain above ninety-five degrees and winter nights when the temperatures drop below forty degrees; and
- § 10. WHEREAS, Food and Shelter for Friends, along with opening their facility during these extreme weather periods, also offers motel vouchers, which are distributed on a priority basis to adults with minor children in their care and elderly or vulnerable adults where no other shelter is possible; and



§ 11. WHEREAS, the City Council Finance Committee met on February 19, 2014 to discuss this issue and requested that City Staff draft a Resolution for Council consideration authorizing the City Manager to utilize City funds for such a purpose.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA:

§ 12. That the City Manager is directed to utilize up to \$20,000.00 per fiscal year from the City of Norman Emergency Reserve Account (Account No. 010-1001-411.40-97) to provide hotel rooms for homeless individuals and families through Food and Shelter for Friends according to their established Policy.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS _____ day of January, 2015.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk