



TOWN COUNCIL STUDY SESSION AGENDA
July 8, 2019
5:30 PM

I. Town Council Items

II. Study Session Items

1. Parker Area Historical Society Community Contribution Recipient Presentation - Guests - 15 minutes
2. Municipal Court Defendant Supervision Program Update - Ratcliff - 15 minutes



MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Town Councilmembers
FROM: Sue Ratcliff, Court Administrator
DATE: July 8, 2019
SUBJECT: Municipal Court Defendant Supervision Program Update

ISSUE:

The Municipal Court Defendant Supervision Office was established in November 2018 by Ordinance No. 5.81 to provide supervision to juveniles and adult defendants in the Parker Municipal Court who may pose a risk to the community. It is also established in the case of juveniles, who may be at higher risk to re-offend or fail to thrive, thus becoming a greater burden to the community. Supervision furthers the goals of rehabilitation and community safety. The purpose of the discussion is to provide an update on the program to date.

FISCAL/BUDGET IMPACT:

Assessed revenue to date is \$4,413.00

BACKGROUND:

Municipal Court staff and the Town of Parker Judge met with the Mayor and Town Council in study session on October 8, 2018 to discuss the program. On November 5, 2018, the Town Council approved Ordinance No. 5.81 to amend Title 2 of the Parker Municipal Code authorizing the Municipal Court to maintain a supervision office through the Court Clerk's Office. This is the first program of its kind for a municipal court in Douglas County. The purpose of the program is to assist defendants that are at a higher risk for recidivism and in need of more support in completing sanctions and complying with Court orders.

Entry into Supervision

Individuals enter supervision either by agreement with the prosecutor's office as part of a plea bargain (typically involving Deferred Judgment and Sentence Agreement) or when sentenced to supervision by the Judge upon conviction. The first cases for the program were assigned in January 2019. To date, fourteen cases have been assigned, to include six adult cases and eight juvenile cases.

Once cases are assigned, the supervisor conducts a forensic interview to gather information about the defendant and customize the best approach in order for the defendant to complete the Court orders successfully. A supervised individual may be required to complete one or

more of the following: An alcohol or substance abuse evaluation; treatment as recommended by an evaluation; an appropriate class; or community service hours. The juvenile or adult would be responsible for any additional fees for these requirements. In the case of juveniles, the supervisor utilizes cost-free or minimal-cost services when possible. The defendant then meets at a minimum of once a month with the supervision coordinator for the first three months to ensure compliance with Court orders.

The purpose of the discussion with Council is to provide information on the outcomes of the program to date.

RECOMMENDATION:

There is no recommendation. Staff is providing an update on the status of the program.

REQUESTED DIRECTION:

This item is for information only. There is no requested action.

ATTACHMENT:

None