

CITY OF SULTAN SUB COMMITTEE REPORT

DATE: February 7, 2008

ITEM NO.

SUBJECT: Internet Service

CONTACT PERSON: Laura Koenig, City Clerk/Deputy Finance Director

SUMMARY:

The City has received a proposal from Iron Goat Networks to provide free of charge for six months a private WAN service between City owned facilities on a test basis. (See attached e-mail) After six months, the cost would need to be negotiated.

Ryan Spott will provide a brief presentation of the program for the Sub Committee.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. The Council could consider the proposal and allow the service on a trial basis.
2. The Council could issue a Request for Proposals
3. The Council could do nothing.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Staff recommends that the Council review the materials and discuss the pros and cons of this type of internet service.

Attachments: A. E-mail from Iron Goat Network

Deborah Knight

From: Iron Goat Networks, llc [info@irongoat.net]
Sent: Saturday, January 12, 2008 11:52 PM
To: Deborah Knight
Cc: llc Iron Goat Networks
Subject: Networking for the PD and WWTP.



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Deborah,

IGN runs a Internet service that covers most of Snohomish County via wireless.

I was asked several weeks ago by one of my wireless radio vendors if I would be willing to test a yet to be released in North America wireless system. I told this company that my City was facing some financial issues and they might be able to use this system.

So here is my proposal:

I would like to offer the City of Sultan free, private WAN services between the WWTP, the PD, the Annex/Public works building, the Water Treatment Plant and City Hall. This service would be free for at least 6 months. At the end of this period we would be happy to continue servicing the City for a negotiated cost that would more than likely be a cost savings over your current WAN costs.

This would require that small radio units be placed on each building that needed access. These radio units are 7 inches wide and 7 inches tall.

City Hall would have an omni-directional antenna that looked like this (21 in tall x 1 inch wide):

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My agreement with this company requires that I install these units within 2 weeks of receiving them so I would need to have this system up and running before February 7th at the latest.

Let me know what you think. I can be reached for this issue at 425-280-3078.

Thanks and have a good week!

ryan

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