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MEMO TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Councilmember Clay Haley

DATE: August 5, 2021

SUBJECT: Downtown Restrooms

At the August 26, 2013 meeting the Council agreed to contribute $56,000 to the Carroll Rotary Club for the Downtown Restroom Project. The idea at the time was that the operation of the restrooms would then be funded by ongoing contributions from surrounding businesses. As time has passed and businesses have changed hands along with challenges to the downtown environment, these contributions have not consistently occurred.

This has been discussed a number of times including as recently as February of 2020 (pre COVID) with no real resolution on how to cover ongoing operational costs. This summer, due to lack of contributions and high water bills, the situation reached a point that the restrooms were closed for a period of time making it inconvenient for visitors to downtown Carroll.

Taking everything in light, I would propose that the City directly pay for the daily cleaning of the restrooms at a cost of $300.00 per month and for the monthly water bill. I would propose that the City use Local Option Sales Taxes to cover these costs.

RECOMMENDATION: Mayor and City Council consider approving paying First Impression Janitorial Services directly for the daily cleaning of the Downtown Restrooms at a cost of $300.00 per month and for the monthly water bill for the restrooms out of Local Option Sales Taxes funds.