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HIAWATHA FIRE-RESCUE

MEMORANDUM

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR, CITY COUNCIL

FROM: MIKE NESSLAGE, FIRE CHIEF

SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT AND AUTHORIZATION TO SEEK QUOTES

DATE: 8/31/2016

CC: CITY STAFF

I am writing this evening to request two items:

1) The Fire Department has received notification from the Federal Emergency Management Agency that we have been awarded an Assistance for Firefighters Grant. The approved amount of the grant is $275,320, Federal share is $262,210 and the city's share is $13,110 or 5 percent of the Federal Share. The purpose of the grant is to enhance firefighter safety and to improve operations by providing personal protective equipment. Specifically, we are going to purchase Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus units and a high pressure compressor with fill station to replenish the apparatus with air. Ms. Kudrna recommends using LOSST funds for the city share. I am requesting that you allow the Fire Department to accept the grant and authorize the expenditures from LOSST funds for the city share.

2) I am requesting authorization to send out a request for quotes for the new equipment. In the next few weeks we will schedule vendors to come to the Fire Station for demonstrations. We will then solicit quotes and hopefully bring them to you early October.

This is a significant grant; all of our breathing apparatus is at least 10 years old, and some units are more than 20 years old. They are 2-3 code standard cycles out of date. We have maintained their integrity through upgrades and service over the years, but that is no longer a possibility. My original intent was to purchase this equipment with CIP or borrowed money in the next few years, but as you know, CIP money is tight. This grant will now allow us to make this significant equipment replacement at a comparably minimal cost, and free up nearly a quarter of a million dollars to use elsewhere in the CIP.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

DRAFT

RESOLUTION NO. 16-
City Council

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FIRE DEPARTMENT TO PROCEED WITH ACCEPTING AN ASSISTANCE FOR FIREFIGHTERS GRANT FROM THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY FOR THE PURPOSE OF PURCHASING PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

WHEREAS, the Hiawatha Fire Department has been notified by the Federal Emergency Management Agency that they have been approved for an Assistance for Firefighters Grant, and

WHEREAS, the Federal Emergency Management Agency has approved grant dollars in the amount of $275,320.00. Through the Assistance for Firefighters Grant, the Fire Department will purchase personal protective equipment including Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus units and a high pressure compressor with fill station to replenish the apparatus with air. The Federal portion of the grant provides for 95 % or $262,210.00 of the cost and the City's match provides for 5% or $13,110.00 of the cost funded through the Local Option Sales and Service Tax (LOSST) dollars, and

WHEREAS, the City Council deems it appropriate to accept the grant award from the Federal Emergency Management Agency and directs the Fire Department staff to proceed with the solicitation of quotations for the purchase of personal protective equipment including Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus units and a high pressure compressor with fill station to replenish the apparatus with air at a cost not to exceed $275,320.00, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HIAWATHA, IOWA, to accept the Federal Emergency Management Agency Assistance for Firefighters Grant Award and further authorizes staff to proceed with the solicitation of quotations for the purchase of personal protective equipment including Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus units and a high pressure compressor with fill station to replenish the apparatus with air at a cost not to exceed $275,320.00, with 95% or $262,210.00 being reimbursed by the grant and the city's match of 5% or $13,110.00 through LOSST dollars.

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ABSENT:

PASSED AND APPROVED this 7th day of September, 2016.

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Bill Bennett, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Kelly Kornegor, City Clerk