City of Benson
City Council Communication

Regular Meeting **August 11, 2014**

To: Mayor and Council Agenda Item # 2

From: Keith Spangler, Fire Chief

Subject:

Discussion and Possible action regarding Resolution 24-2014 of the Mayor and Council of the City of Benson, Arizona, authorizing the acceptance of an Assistance to Firefighter's Grant in the amount of $436,301.00 with a 5% ($21,815.00) cost share and a 95% ($414,486.00) Federal share

Discussion:

On Nov. 25th 2013, the Mayor and Council gave approval for the Fire Department to apply for a grant from the Department of Homeland Security, (DHS), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) from the Assistance to Firefighter's Grant (AFG) to purchase a replacement fire apparatus. The grant was not to exceed $600,000.00 with a City match not to exceed $30,000.00.

On July 25th I was notified by FEMA that Benson Fire Department was awarded this grant and the amount FEMA was giving the City of Benson is $436,301.00. The Federal share is $414,486.00 and the City of Benson share is $21,815.00.

This grant will replace a 40+ year-old fire apparatus that is not compliant to today's fire apparatus standards.

Staff Recommendation:

Approval of Resolution 24-2014

RESOLUTION 24-2014

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BENSON, ARIZONA, AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF AN ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF $436,301.00, WITH A 5% ($21,815.00) COST SHARE AND A 95% ($414,486.00) FEDERAL SHARE

WHEREAS, the City of Benson has been awarded an Assistance to Firefighters Grant No. EMW-2013-FV-01639 (AFG) in the amount of $436,301.00, with a 5% ($21,815.00) cost share for the City of Benson and a 95% ($414,486.00) Federal Share; and

WHEREAS, acceptance of this grant will benefit the City of Benson Volunteer Fire Department and, in turn, its citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BENSON, ARIZONA, AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Benson Mayor and City Council authorize the acceptance of the grant described herein, and the Fire Chief or any representative he designates is hereby authorized to sign acceptance of the grant award on behalf of the City.

2. The Fire Chief is authorized to designate appropriate personnel and take any and all other appropriate steps to carry out the duties under and consistent with the purpose of the grant award at issue in this Resolution.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BENSON, ARIZONA, this 11th day of August, 2014.

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TONEY D. KING, SR., Mayor

ATTEST:

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VICKI L. VIVIAN, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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MESCH CLARK & ROTHSCHILD, P.C.
By: GARY J. COHEN,
City's Attorney