City of Benson
City Council Communication

Regular Meeting May 22, 2017

To: Mayor and Council Agenda Item # 7

From: Keith Spangler, Fire Chief

Subject:

Discussion and possible action regarding Resolution 11-2017 of the Mayor and Council of the City of Benson, Arizona, authorizing the City Manager and/or the Fire Chief to apply for a grant from the Tohono O'odham Nation to purchase new Fire Equipment

Discussion:

In 2002, the Arizona State voters passed Proposition 202 which Arizona tribes share a portion of their gaming revenues with the State. The Tribes can choose to give the monies to cities, towns or counties for the purpose of benefiting the general public through direct distribution to the local government or they can deposit the monies to the State of Arizona's Commerce and Economic Development Commission's Local Community Fund.

In 2017, the Tohono O'odham Nation has chosen to contribute directly to local government. The Fire Department has asked for funds in the priority area of Firefighting Equipment.

The Fire Department is asking for Personal Protective Equipment in the form of new Turnout Pants and Jackets. Also new Boots and Helmets. These items have a ten-year service life and we are coming up on the expiration dates for these items.

The total grant package being requested is $46,000.00. There is no grant match from the City of Benson.

Staff Recommendation:

Approval of Resolution 11-2017

RESOLUTION 11-2017

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BENSON, ARIZONA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER AND/OR THE FIRE CHIEF TO APPLY FOR A GRANT FROM THE TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION TO PURCHASE NEW FIRE EQUIPMENT

WHEREAS, the Tohono O'odham Nation has determined that in 2017 it will provide grant funding to support local governments' expenditures in areas including public safety; and

WHEREAS, the Benson Volunteer Fire Department has determined that it is in need of additional personal protective equipment for its firefighters, including turnout pants and jackets, boots, and helmets; and

WHEREAS, the City plans to purchase new personal protective equipment for its fire fighters if funding sources are available.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Benson, Arizona, that the City Manager and/or Fire Chief is hereby authorized and directed to apply to and, if awarded, accept grant funding through the Tohono O'odham Nation to purchase personal protective equipment used in fire-fighting, including turnout pants and jackets, boots, and helmets, and is further directed to prepare funding and budget proposals and projections for inclusion in the City's future budgets that set forth the means for acquiring the equipment.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Benson, Arizona, this 22nd day of May, 2017.

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TONEY D. KING, SR., Mayor

ATTEST:

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VICKI L. VIVIAN, CMC, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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MESCH CLARK ROTHSCHILD
By GARY J. COHEN
City's Attorney