THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE

STAFF REPORT

Council Meeting Date: September 12, 2023

Subject: Automatic Aid Agreement Renewal with Reems Creek Fire Department

Staff Resource(s): Chris Budzinski, Fire Chief
Beth Bechel, Business Manager

Action Requested: Adoption authorizing the City Manager to renew the automatic aid agreement between the City of Asheville and Reems Creek Fire Department.

Background:

- In August 2013, City Council approved a resolution authorizing a multi-year agreement with Reem's Creek Fire Department for automatic aid service.
- The City of Asheville has a need to strengthen its standard of response and cover in the Beaverdam Valley and the Reem's Creek Fire Department is the most appropriate organization to provide the service.
- The initial agreement costs were $82,656 and as stipulated in the agreement, the costs are to be adjusted every year based on the consumer price index.
- After 10 years of positive consumer price index increases, the renewal for Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-24 services cost and are budgeted at $110,081.83.
- The term of the renewal agreement will end June 30, 2024.

Vendor Outreach Efforts:

- No other vendors are able to provide this service.
- There are no Minority & Women-Owned Business Enterprise (MWBE) firms able to provide this service.

Council Goal(s):

- Connected and Engaged Community

Committee(s):

- None

Pro(s):

- Allows the standard of cover to be met greater than 90% of the time.

Con(s):

- Increasing cost to maintain existing level of service.

Fiscal Impact:

- Funding for this agreement is available in the Fire Department's operating budget.

Suggested Motion:

- Motion to adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a renewal agreement for automatic aid service between the City of Asheville and Reems Creek Fire Department

Attachment(s)

- Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. 23-____

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A RENEWAL AGREEMENT FOR AUTOMATIC AID SERVICE BETWEEN THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE AND REEMS CREEK FIRE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the City of Asheville has authority to contract with and appropriate money to any person, association, or corporation, in order to carry out any public purpose that the city is authorized by law to engage in; and

WHEREAS, the City of Asheville has a need to strengthen its standard of fire response cover in Beaverdam Valley and provide for automatic aid response, and

WHEREAS, the City Council approved a resolution authorizing the mayor to sign an automatic aid service agreement with Reem's Creek Fire Department on August 13, 2013, and

WHEREAS, the agreement is up for its annual renewal at a cost of $110,081.83, and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to continue the automatic aid agreement with Reem's Creek Fire District for response within the City of Asheville;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE THAT:

The City Manager is hereby authorized to sign for the renewal agreement for automatic aid service between the City of Asheville and Reems Creek Fire Department at a cost of $110,081.83in Fiscal Year 2023-24.

Read, approved and adopted this 12th day of September, 2023.

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City Clerk Mayor

Approved as to form:

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City Attorney