

City Council Agenda Item Memo

From: Pete Bolzer, Fire Chief

Council Meeting: June 11, 2024

Subject: Resolution 24-055: Authorization for the City Manager to sign the South Dakota Department of Public Safety Wildland Fire Suppression Cooperative Agreement.

Person(s) Responsible: Pete Bolzer, Fire Chief

Summary:

Staff recommends approval of the attached Resolution, authorizing the City Manager to sign the 2024-2028 South Dakota Department of Public Safety Wildland Fire Suppression Cooperative Agreement.

Background:

The City of Brookings Fire Department and the South Dakota Division of Wildland Fire Suppression have engaged in a cooperative agreement to provide mutual wildland fire suppression assistance since 2006. This agreement will continue that relationship until 2028.

Item Details:

Under this Cooperative Agreement, the City of Brookings Fire Department, as the cooperator agrees to provide wildland fire suppression assistance to the State of South Dakota by providing equipment and personnel holding minimum fire qualifications as described in the current *South Dakota Department of Public Safety Wildland Fire Mini-Mobilization Guide*.

In turn, the State of South Dakota agrees to compensate the cooperator for personnel and equipment provided State pursuant to the Agreement.

Legal Consideration:

Legal counsel has reviewed the Cooperative Agreement.

Strategic Plan Consideration:

Fiscal Responsibility – Depending on the severity of the fire season and the nationwide availability of resources, this compensation can, and has, contributed to city revenue.

Financial Consideration:

The State of South Dakota agrees to compensate the Cooperator in accordance with the current *NWCG Standards for Interagency Incident Business Management* (PMS 902) and supplements. Personnel and equipment rates are in the current *South Dakota*

Department of Public Safety Wildland Fire Mini-Mobilization Guide for Cooperators. The State will apply the rates which are in effect at the time of dispatch.

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Options and Recommendation:

The City Council has the following options:

1. Approve as presented
2. Amend
3. Deny
4. Move the item to a work session
5. Discuss / take no action / table

Staff recommends approval.

Supporting Documentation:

Resolution

Cooperative Agreement