

City Council Agenda Memo

From: Michael J Drake, Chief of Police

Council Meeting: January 23, 2024

Subject: Resolution 24-0039: Brookings Regional Humane Society Contract

Presenter: Michael J Drake, Chief of Police

Summary:

This resolution will approve the renewal agreement between the City of Brookings and the Brookings Regional Humane Society for the care and disposition of impounded animals.

Background:

The City of Brookings and the Brookings Regional Humane Society have agreed to the terms stated in the attached 2024 Agreement. The City of Brookings began utilizing this form of agreement with the Humane Society in 2019. The City of Brookings has disbursed the following to the Humane Society:

2019 - \$30,000.00
2020 - \$34,456.25
2021 - \$28,890.00
2022 - \$33,390.00
2023 - \$28,810.00

In 2024, the expected cost taking into inflation would be approximately \$32,000; however, we have reached an agreement that the City of Brookings will pay the Humane Society a flat rate of \$45,000.00 in monthly installments of \$3,750.00, due by the 15th of each month. The City of Brookings has reserved the remaining \$5,000 to offset costs which may be incurred due to unforeseen events or a case which results in the rescuing of excessive animals. The City of Brookings Police Department, as well as the Brookings Regional Humane Society, recommend approval of this agreement.

Item Details:

The City and the Brookings Regional Humane Society have experienced occasions when domesticated animals other than cats and dogs have required impound and care. Examples include rabbits, birds, hamsters etc.

Legal Consideration:

City Attorney Steve Britzman has reviewed and approved the agreement.

Strategic Plan Consideration:

Fiscal Responsibility: The agreement provides funding to the Brookings Regional Humane Society but also provides a service to the City of Brookings.

Financial Consideration:

The funding to the Brookings Regional Humane Society through this agreement has been budgeted up to a maximum of \$45,000 per year.

Options and Recommendation:

The City Council has the following options:

1. Approve as presented
2. Amend
3. Deny
4. Move the item to a study session
5. Discuss / Take no action / Table

Staff recommends approval.

Supporting Documentation:

Memo

Resolution

2024 Agreement