

Councilmember Elvig introduced the following resolution and moved for its adoption:

RESOLUTION #11-10-213

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A JOINT FIRE SERVICES STUDY GROUP

WHEREAS, local governments have an obligation to the local taxpayers to provide basic City services in an efficient manner; and

WHEREAS, fire protection services are a common local service provided by the communities of western Anoka County; and

WHEREAS, the opportunity exists for several local communities to work cooperatively to provide the same or better service level at a reduced cost to taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, it was the consensus following a joint fire service discussion with the Cities of Nowthen, Oak Grove, St. Francis and Ramsey, to appoint members to a formal study group to continue the exploration process of a possible joint fire service among the cities.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RAMSEY, ANOKA COUNTY, STATE OF MINNESOTA; as follows:

- 1) That the City of Ramsey hereby supports the establishment of a joint fire services study group to study the feasibility of developing a joint fire service organization that would service multiple western Anoka County communities in a cost-effective manner.
- 2) That the aforementioned study group will be charged with the duty of analyzing the benefits of a joint fire service and potential barriers to implementation.
- 3) That it is expected that the group would provide a written report back to the participating communities on the findings of said study with a recommendation on how to proceed, no later than April 1, 2012.
- 4) That the City of Ramsey hereby appoints Councilmember Sarah Strommen as members of the joint fire services study group to work cooperatively with the appointment members from the Cities of _____ to develop a joint fire service organization.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Councilmember Tossey, and upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor:

Mayor Ramsey
Councilmember Elvig
Councilmember Tossey
Councilmember Backous
Councilmember McGlone

Councilmember Strommen
Councilmember Wise

and the following voted against the same:

None

and the following were abstained:

None

and the following were absent:

None

Whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted by the Ramsey City Council this the 25th day of October 2011.

Bob Ramsey, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jo Ann M. Thieling, City Clerk