

Councilmember introduced the following resolution and moved for its adoption:

**RESOLUTION #11-11-XXX**

**RESOLUTION RESCINDING RESOLUTION #11-10-213 AND ADOPTING THIS 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 Bethel, 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 an elected official, Councilmember Sarah Strommen, and an appointed official, City Administrator Kurtis Ulrich as members of the joint fire services study group to work cooperatively with the appointed members from the Cities of Bethel, Nowthen, Oak Grove, St. Francis and Ramsey to study a joint fire service organization. In addition, a fire service representative, Fire Chief Dean Kapler, is appointed as an ex-officio member.

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

and the following voted against the same:

and the following were abstained:

and the following were absent:

Whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted by the Ramsey City Council this the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of November 2011.

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Bob Ramsey, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Jo Ann M. Thieling, City Clerk