

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

RESOLUTION #18-134

RESOLUTION TO EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING TO JOIN THE ANOKA COUNTY COOPERATIVE WEED MANAGEMENT AREA PARTNERSHIP

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 18.78 and 18.81 specifies that noxious weeds shall be controlled and/or eradicated within a municipality and that a local weed inspector shall carry out the duties of inspecting lands within the municipality to ensure compliance with state statute; and

WHEREAS, in 2018, the Anoka Conservation District (ACD) was awarded \$20,000 in grant funds from Minnesota Board of Soil and Water Resources (BWSR) to assist private property owners with managing noxious weeds; and

WHEREAS, ACD has coordinated multiple meetings with municipalities, county parks, watershed districts and organizations, and state agencies to outline how the funds may be used; and

WHEREAS, funds will be made available to property owners within the county through a competitive application process to manage noxious weeds; and

WHEREAS, ACD will act as the fiscal agent and the grant administrator throughout the duration of the project;

WHEREAS, for property owners to be eligible to apply for grant funds, municipalities must join the Anoka County Cooperative Weed Management Area (CWMA) Partnership by entering into a non-binding Memorandum of Understanding (MOU); and

WHEREAS, by entering the non-binding MOU, it does not obligate the City of Ramsey to any duties above and beyond what is already required by Minnesota statutes; and

WHEREAS, the CWMA identifies five (5) main objectives that align well with the objectives of the Environmental Policy Board (EPB) and include: Information Exchange, Education, Prevention, Noxious Weed Control, and Cooperation; and

WHEREAS, on June 18, 2018 the City of Ramsey EPB reviewed the CWMA Partnership and recommended City Council execute the MOU to make property owners within the city eligible to apply for grant funds.

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

1. That the Acting Mayor is hereby authorized to sign the non-binding Memorandum of Understanding for the City of Ramsey to officially participate in the Anoka County CWMA Partnership and to ensure that property owners in Ramsey are eligible to apply for grant funds through the competitive application process.

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 thereof:

and the following voted against the same:

and the following abstained:

and the following were absent

Whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted by the Ramsey City Council this the 10th day of July, 2018.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk