



The City of
Nowthen
"Where it still feels like country"

December 10, 2019

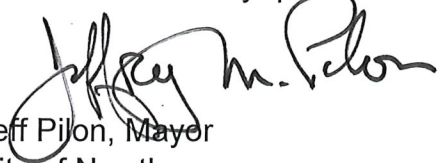
City of Ramsey
Kurt Ulrich, City Administrator
7550 Sunwood Drive NW
Ramsey, MN 55303

Kurt,

This email is to confirm our telephone conversation of December 9, 2019 during which we discussed Ramsey's current concerns regarding the Joint Powers Fire Protection Agreement. As we discussed, it has become apparent to Nowthen that Ramsey is dissatisfied with the present terms of the agreement and has expressed a desire to terminate the agreement or in the alternative to modify the amount of money that Nowthen reimburses Ramsey for administrative costs covering Ramsey's Fire Chief and other administrative components of operating the fire department. I do not believe that my City Council will agree to Ramsey's request to amend Section 5J of the Agreement from \$6,416 to \$161,000 per year. Further, I do not believe that the procedure outlined in Section 2E of the Agreement applies to break the tie vote of the Fire Board as the increase in payment of administrative costs is not required "in order for adequate emergency fire and rescue services to be provided under this Agreement."

Given the parties impasse on these issues, I propose that Nowthen and Ramsey mutually agree to amend Section 7D the Joint Powers Fire Protection Agreement to allow the Agreement to expire no later than December 31, 2020 with all other provisions of the Agreement remaining the same. This would give Nowthen time to research their options moving forward. I will be making this recommendation to my City Council at its meeting tonight. I request that you also present this recommendation to your City Council.

Please call with any questions.


Jeff Pilon, Mayor
City of Nowthen
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