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Ms. Lori Streich
City Clerk/Treasurer
8188 199th Ave NW
Nowthen, MN 55330

Ms. Lori Streich:

I am writing in response to your email and attached proposal from Mayor Pilon dated December 10, 2019.

We agree that Ramsey is dissatisfied with the current Joint Powers Fire Protection Agreement and wish to modify the fee for services as provided under Section 5(J). Our Council has authorized providing a notice of intent to terminate the existing agreement and has authorized negotiation of a new fire services agreement mutually beneficial to Ramsey and Nowthen.

We disagree with the opinion that the procedure outlined in Section 2(E) of the agreement does not apply to breaking tie votes of the Fire Board in regard to fees. The sole example provided of a situation where the tie-breaking procedure is to be used is for "approving the rates to be charged Ramsey and Nowthen." It is the approval of rates that is currently at issue.

Nonetheless, we are open to the Mayor's proposal to amend the agreement to expire no later than December 31, 2020 if Nowthen agrees to pay certain additional costs for fire services in 2020. Ramsey is currently preparing a proposal for discussion.

I am proposing that we discuss this further at the Fire Board meeting on December 17. Recommendations of the Fire Board will be discussed with the Council at the next scheduled Council meeting of January 14, 2020. Please let me know if you have questions.

Sincerely,

Kurtis Ulrich
City Administrator
City of Ramsey

CC:

Mayor Jeff Pilon

Council Member Dan Breyen