

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

RESOLUTION #22-127

RESOLUTION TO ENTER INTO A CLEAN WATER FUND GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE METROPOLITAN COUNCIL TO RECEIVE A WATER EFFICIENCY GRANT

WHEREAS, the City of Ramsey owns and maintains a municipal water supply system which is essential to the quality of life, health and welfare of City residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS, the City of Ramsey currently relies on groundwater as the sole source of its municipal water supply system; and

WHEREAS, the City of Ramsey is planning to construct two new municipal water supply system groundwater wells to accommodate planned growth in the next ten years; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes 473.1565 directs the Metropolitan Council to undertake planning activities that emphasize conservation, inter-jurisdictional cooperation, and long-term sustainability; and

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Council received an allocation of \$1,000,000 from the Clean Water Funds to assist local units of government by helping property owners pay for water saving audits and/or more water efficient appliances to conserve water; and

WHEREAS, the primary objective of the Water Efficiency Grant Program is to assist local units of government to conserve water to ensure long-term groundwater sustainability; and

WHEREAS, this grant program is consistent with the goals and objectives of the City's Strategic Action Plan; and

WHEREAS, the City has the capability to adequately fund its local cost share for this grant program through the water enterprise fund; and

WHEREAS, on March 22, 2022, the Ramsey City Council authorized staff to apply for grant funding up to \$50,000; and

WHEREAS, the City of Ramsey submitted an application for grant funds to offer rebates for WaterSense® certified smart irrigation controllers and toilets, as well as for Energy Star® certified clothes washing machines and dishwashers for water supply customers; and

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Council received grant applications totaling \$1,401,920; and

WHEREAS, the City of Ramsey was one of thirty-seven (37) communities accepted into the grant program with a grant allocation of \$19,800; and

WHEREAS, to accept the grant funds, the City of Ramsey must enter into a Clean Water Fund Grant Agreement with the Metropolitan Council.

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

1. That the Ramsey City Council hereby authorizes the execution of the Clean Water Fund Grant Agreement with the Metropolitan Council and to accept the \$19,800 grant allocation for a water efficiency rebate program.

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 14th day of June, 2022.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk