

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

RESOLUTION #24-092

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING STAFF TO APPLY FOR WATER EFFICIENCY GRANT FUNDS THROUGH THE METROPOLITAN COUNCIL FOR 2024-2026 CYCLE

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 \$1,250,000 from the Clean Water, Land, & Legacy Amendment Fund 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, the City of Ramsey is currently administering a Water Efficiency Grant Program providing rebates for WaterSense® labeled irrigation controllers and/or irrigation audits, WaterSense® labeled toilets, and Energy Star® rated clothes washing machines and dishwashers; and

WHEREAS, the current grant cycle runs through June 30, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the upcoming Water Efficiency Grant Program cycle will run from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the minimum grant amount is \$5,000 and the maximum grant amount is \$50,000; and

WHEREAS, the deadline to submit an application for the 2024-2026 grant cycle is March 29, 2024; and

WHEREAS, grant recipients will be notified by the Metropolitan Council no later than May 24, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the City of Ramsey’s Environmental Policy Board (EPB) reviewed this grant opportunity on March 18, 2024 and recommended applying for the 2024-2026 round of funding.

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 Staff to apply for Water Efficiency Grant funds for the 2022-2024 cycle in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.

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 26th day of March, 2024.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk