

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

RESOLUTION #24-349

RESOLUTION APPROVING A JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT FOR THE CONTINUED OPERATION OF THE LOWER RUM RIVER WATERSHED MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATION

WHEREAS, the City has been a member of the Lower Rum River Watershed Management Organization (“Watershed Management Organization”) since it was established in 1995; and

WHEREAS, the City is a member of the Watershed Management Organization to address its obligation under Minnesota Statutes sections 103B.201 through 103B.253 to manage surface water within the watershed; and

WHEREAS, the current joint powers agreement, which is a cooperative effort of all three cities with land in the watershed, expires on January 1, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the attached joint powers agreement, which is incorporated herein by reference, updates the language in the agreement to remove historic language that is no longer needed, more accurately reflect how the Watershed Management Organization actually operates, and provide for its continued operation through January 1, 2035; and

WHEREAS, the Watershed Management Organization has helped to fund various projects throughout the watershed, which has contributed to improved surface water quality and ecological integrity within the watershed; and

WHEREAS, the City Council determines it is in the best interests of the City to continue its participation in the Watershed Management Organization to further its goals of improving water quality and in furtherance of satisfying its obligations to properly manage surface water in accordance with the Metropolitan Surface Water Management Program.

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

1. The attached Lower Rum River Watershed Management Organization Joint Powers Agreement is hereby approved and entered into by the City.
2. The Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute the attached joint powers agreement on behalf of the City.

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 November, 2024.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk