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Palmer City Council Meeting

Meeting Date: 01/09/2024

Submitted For: Chad Cameron, Fire Chief

Department: Fire Department

Agenda Category: Resolution

Legislation Number: Resolution No. 24-008 ☒ **Approved**

Subject

A Resolution of the Palmer City Council Authorizing the City Manager to Allocate \$125,000 to Create a Fleet Replacement Fund for Palmer Fire and Rescue

Summary Statement/Background

Palmer Fire & Rescue recognizes the critical importance of maintaining a reliable and efficient fleet to ensure the safety and well-being of our community. The current state of our firefighting vehicles and equipment poses challenges in terms of both operational effectiveness and fiscal responsibility. To address these concerns, we propose the establishment of a Fleet Replacement Fund, dedicated to systematically replacing aging vehicles and equipment. This fund will not only enhance our emergency response capabilities but also allow for long-term planning of apparatus replacement.

Funding to create and continue contributing to the Fleet Replacement fund would come from a portion of the cost savings from the proposed Matanuska-Susitna Borough and City of Palmer Fire Emergency Response contract.

Administration's Recommendation:

Approve Resolution No. 24-008.

Fiscal Impact

Total Amount of funds listed in this legislation: \$125,000

Legislation creates expenditure in the amount of: \$125,000

Budgeted Y/N?: N

Line Item(s): 01-01-70-6078 Transfer to Other Funds, 09-00-00-3673 Transfer from other funds, 09-01-13-6055 Fire Fleet Replacement

Attachments

Resolution 24-008 - PFR Fleet Replacement Fund

2024 City Contribution Comparison

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

Introduced by: City Manager Moosey

Date: January 9, 2024

Action: Approved

Vote: Unanimous

Yes:

No:

Mayor Carrington
Deputy Mayor Anzilotti
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CITY OF PALMER, ALASKA

Resolution No. 24-008

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WHEREAS, the City of Palmer Fire & Rescue plays a crucial role in ensuring the safety and well-being of the community by responding to emergencies and providing essential services; and

WHEREAS, the current fleet of firefighting vehicles and equipment owned by the City of Palmer Fire & Rescue is aging and requires regular maintenance, resulting in increased operational costs and potential safety concerns; and

WHEREAS, establishing a dedicated Fleet Replacement Fund will enable the City of Palmer Fire & Rescue to systematically replace outdated vehicles and equipment, ensuring the maintenance of a modern and reliable firefighting fleet; and

WHEREAS, a Fleet Replacement Fund will contribute to the overall efficiency and effectiveness of the City of Palmer Fire & Rescue in responding to emergencies, protecting lives, and preserving property;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Section 1: Establishment of the Fleet Replacement Fund

(a) The City of Palmer Fire & Rescue shall establish a Fleet Replacement Fund for the purpose of acquiring and replacing firefighting vehicles.

(b) The Fleet Replacement Fund shall be a separate account within the City of Palmer Fire & Rescue's budget, and all monies allocated or transferred to this fund shall be used exclusively for the acquisition and replacement of firefighting vehicles and equipment.

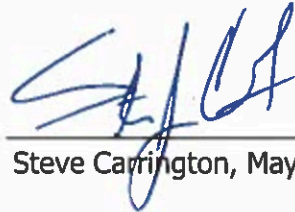
Section 2: Funding Mechanism

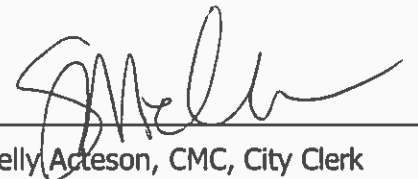
- (a) An annual allocation of \$125,000 shall be earmarked from the Palmer Fire Department's budget to the Fleet Replacement Fund.
- (b) Additional funds may be transferred to the Fleet Replacement Fund from grants or other revenue sources specifically designated for fleet replacement.

Section 3: Use of Funds

- (a) Funds from the Fleet Replacement Fund may be used for the purchase of new firefighting vehicles, equipment upgrades, and the regular replacement of aging or obsolete vehicles and equipment.
- (b) The Palmer Fire Chief or their designated representative shall be responsible for assessing the fleet's condition and determining the priority for replacement based on safety, reliability, and operational needs.

Approved by the Palmer City Council this 9th day of January 2024.



Steve Carrington, Mayor

Shelly Acteson, CMC, City Clerk