

AGENDA REPORT

DATE November 16, 2004

ITEM FIRE DISTRICT CONTRACT

INITIATED BY RANDY MCCAMLEY, FIRE CHIEF

ACTION REQUESTED APPROVE FIRE DISTRICT CONTRACT

PRESENTED BY RANDY MCCAMLEY, FIRE CHIEF

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RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Commission approve the Fire District Contract for fiscal year 2004/05 as approved and signed by the Cascade County Commissioners.

MOTION:

“I move the City Commission approve the Fire District Contract for fiscal year 2004/05 and that the City Manager be authorized to execute the same.”

SYNOPSIS:

This Fire District Contract with Cascade County has been approved by the County Commissioners for the fiscal year 2004/05. The contract provides for the proceeds from the Rural Fire Control Special District Levy for emergency fire and medical services, computed from the maximum allowed by 15-10-420, MCA be paid to the City. This mill was 63.1 mills in FY 03/04 for a total of \$143,100.00 in revenue. MCA 15-10-420 also provides for slight annual inflation increases which I would approximate at \$1,500 in this contract term. Payments shall be in two equal installments due on or before December 15 and June 15.

BACKGROUND:

Great Falls Fire Rescue has been providing contracted fire and EMS services for the County fire districts for over 20 years. During this time GFFR has provided prompt, efficient emergency service to these districts enhancing the quality of life to these areas of the county. State statute MCA 7-33-2107 and 7-33-2125 provides for these districts to contract with the City of Great Falls for fire and other emergency services. This contract includes fire suppression, emergency medical response, inspection services and fire investigation. There are currently 16 separate and distinct areas that comprise our response areas. The combined total of these services areas is 4.03 square miles, with an estimated resident population of 4590. The typical resource response to structure fires in these service include 2 Engines Companies, 1 Ladder Company, 1 Chief Officer and 1-2200 gallons Water Tender. The Water Tender was purchased new in 2001 specifically for fire district responses; its cost was \$127,000. In 2003, we responded to 139 calls for service in these fire districts.