



CITY OF SAINT PAUL

ALASKA

RESOLUTION 23-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAINT PAUL AUTHORIZING TO APPLY FOR A US DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, RURAL UTILITY SERVICE, RURAL ELECTRIC PROGRAM LOAN FOR THE SAINT PAUL MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC UTILITY UPGRADES

WHEREAS, the City Manager provided a status report of the City's electric, power, and fuel utilities in April of 2022, and;

WHEREAS, the City's power generation system, electrical distribution system, fuel system and air intake system all require replacement, and there are additional major building maintenance needs, and;

WHEREAS, the City received a High Energy Cost Grant from the USDA Rural Utility Service (RUS), Rural Electric Program (REP) in 2020 to upgrade the Airport Feeder, a portion of the City's larger Electric Utility Upgrade Project, and;

WHEREAS, the Airport Feeder component has experienced a cost overrun, resulting in the USDA RUS REP suspending all work and reimbursement until additional funding has been secured to complete that component, and;

WHEREAS, the City may apply for a long-term, low-interest loan through the USDA RUS REP to provide funding for the Airport Feeder cost overrun as well as all other components of the City's larger Electric Utility Upgrade Project, and;

WHEREAS, the rough order of magnitude cost estimate for completing all components of the Electric Utility Upgrade Project is up to \$14 million dollars.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Council of the City of Saint Paul authorizes the City Manager to apply for low-interest loan from the USDA RUS REP for the Saint Paul Municipal Electric Utility Upgrades, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this Resolution replaces Resolution 22-21 that was approved by the Saint Paul City Council on November 3, 2022; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Council of the City of Saint Paul recognizes that the City Manager shall be responsible for submitting and certifying to the USDA RUS REP any and all data required by their RD Apply Intake System, shall give access to the City's data, as appropriate, to other employees, officers, or contractors of the City, for the purpose of complying with the RD Apply Intake System; and shall comply with the Instructions for RD Apply Intake System in regard to use of the government's data collection system.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY APPROVAL OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAINT PAUL THIS 18th DAY OF JANUARY 2023 BY ___ IN FAVOR ___ OPPOSED AND ___ ABSTAIN.

ATTEST:

Aubrey Wegeleben, City Clerk

Jacob N. Merculief, Mayor