



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, July 24, 2018

Council Session

Item I-6

#2018-224 - Consideration of Approving Authorization of Representative for April 2018 Disaster Grant - Utilities Department

Staff Contact: Tim Luchsinger, Jerry Janulewicz

Council Agenda Memo

From: Timothy Luchsinger, Utilities Director
Jerry Janulewicz, City Attorney

Meeting: July 24, 2018

Subject: Authorization of Representative for April 2018 Disaster Grant

Presenter(s): Timothy Luchsinger, Utilities Director

Background

During the weekend of April 14, 2018, freezing rain and high winds caused significant damage to the Utility Department's electric distribution system. The incident was officially declared a disaster by the federal government on June 29, 2018, which allows affected agencies to apply for grants related to cost reimbursement for damages because of the winter storm disaster.

Discussion

As part of the grant application process, an authorized representative of the applying agency must review and sign various forms, including an Applicant Information Form, a Sub-Recipient Disaster Grant Agreement, and a Risk Assessment. These documents must be completed and submitted within 30 days of the disaster declaration date. The Utilities and Legal Departments have reviewed these forms and recommend that the Utilities Director be designated the Authorized Representative to execute documents related to disaster grants for the April 2018 winter storm, federally declared disaster #4375.

Alternatives

It appears that the Council has the following alternatives concerning the issue at hand. The Council may:

1. Move to approve
2. Refer the issue to a Committee
3. Postpone the issue to future date
4. Take no action on the issue

Recommendation

City Administration recommends that the Council designate the Utilities Director as the Authorized Representative to apply for grants related to federally declared disaster #4375.

Sample Motion

Move to designate the Utilities Director as the Authorized Representative to apply for grants related to federally declared disaster #4375.

RESOLUTION 2018-224

WHEREAS, during the weekend of April 14, 2018, freezing rain and high winds caused significant damage to the Utility Department's electric distribution system; and

WHEREAS, the storm was officially declared a disaster by the federal government on June 29, 2018, which allows affected agencies to apply for grants related to cost reimbursement for damages because of the winter storm disaster; and

WHEREAS, as part of the grant application process, an authorized representative of the applying agency must review and sign various forms, including an Applicant Information Form, a Sub-Recipient Disaster Grant Agreement, and a Risk Assessment; and

WHEREAS, these documents must be completed and submitted within 30 days of the disaster declaration date; and

WHEREAS, the Utilities and Legal Departments have reviewed these forms and recommend that the Utilities Director be designated the Authorized Representative to execute documents related to disaster grants for federally declared disaster #4375.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA, that the Utilities Director for the City of Grand Island be the designated as the Authorized Representative to apply for grants related to federally declared disaster #4375.

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Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, July 24, 2018.

Jeremy L. Jensen, Mayor

Attest:

RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

Approved as to Form	☐ _____
July 20, 2018	☐ City Attorney