

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-1755

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF AURORA, MISSOURI, NOTIFYING THE LAWRENCE COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES BOARD OF ACCEPTANCE OF REIMBURSEMENT FOR EMERGENCY DISPATCH SERVICES AND INTENT TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE LAWRENCE COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES BOARD FOR THE PROVISION OF EMERGENCY DISPATCH AND COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES

WHEREAS, the City of Aurora, Missouri, is a City of the third class and political subdivision of the State of Missouri, duly created, organized and existing under and by the virtue of the constitution and laws of the State of Missouri; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Aurora believes it to be of the highest priority to ensure that the safety, security, health and welfare of the community is maintained; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Aurora strives to act in the public interest in all matters that concern the citizens of Aurora and visitors to our community involving public safety as well as fiscal and fiduciary matters; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Aurora advocates for efficiency and effectiveness in the use of public resources in a way that provides the greatest public good to our fellow citizens in Aurora and Lawrence County; and

WHEREAS, the voters of Lawrence County voted to approve a ½ Cent sales tax “for the purpose of providing central dispatching of fire protection, law enforcement agencies, emergency ambulance service, emergency telephone services and other emergency services”; and

WHEREAS, the promulgated Lawrence County Emergency Services Board Mission Statement states: “The Lawrence County Emergency Services Board is committed to provide seamless 911 emergency telecommunications services to the citizens of and visitors to Lawrence County Missouri in a competent, responsive effective, and reassuring manner; and

WHEREAS, the Lawrence County Emergency Services Board, in keeping with their Mission Statement, has now expressed the desire to provide emergency dispatch and communication services to the City of Aurora Police and Fire Departments; and

WHEREAS, the Lawrence County Emergency Services Board has tendered an offer of two hundred seventy seven thousand, nine hundred and seven dollars and 50/100 cents (\$277,907.50) to the City of Aurora on September 16, 2020 for reimbursement to the City of Aurora for providing emergency dispatch and communications services for the year of 2020 to the City of Aurora and the City of Marionville; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Aurora, desires to be relieved of the continued burden of providing emergency dispatch and communication services and the administration, maintenance and upkeep of this emergency dispatch and communication system.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION ONE: The City Council of the City of Aurora has reviewed the offer of two hundred seventy seven thousand, nine hundred and seven dollars and 50/100 cents (\$277,907.50) and hereby accepts this amount in reimbursement to the City of Aurora for providing emergency dispatch and communications services for the year of 2020 to paid to the City of Aurora upon full transition and implementation of emergency dispatch and communication services to the Lawrence County Emergency Services Board.

SECTION TWO: The Lawrence County Emergency Services Board stated in open session of the joint meeting of the Lawrence County Emergency Services Board and the City of Aurora held on September 1, 2020 and have repeatedly assured the Aurora City Council, the City Manager, and the Aurora Police Dept and Fire Dept. Chiefs that full integration, management and implementation of emergency dispatch and communication services for the City of Aurora Police and Fire can be accomplished within ninety (90) days from when they are notified by the City of Aurora of its intent for the Lawrence County Emergency Services Board to take over emergency dispatch and communications services for the City of Aurora. Therefore, the City of Aurora accepts the offer to provide emergency dispatch and communication services to the City of Aurora Police and Fire Departments from the Lawrence County Emergency Services Board and shall expect stated services to be available to the City of Aurora no later than February 11th, 2021, thereby providing one hundred twenty (120) days for transition and implementation of emergency dispatch and communication services to the City of Aurora Police and Fire Departments.

SECTION THREE: The City of Aurora shall transfer ownership of all necessary and vital emergency dispatch and communication equipment currently used for the provision of emergency dispatch and communication services to the Lawrence County Emergency Services Board to be used for its continued provision of emergency dispatch and communication services. Such equipment shall include, but is not limited to, towers, repeaters, radio transmission equipment, consoles, and other ancillary related communication equipment required to be used for the continued provision of emergency dispatch and communication services to the City of Aurora by the Lawrence County Emergency Services Board. Any such equipment not specifically used for the provision of emergency dispatch and communication services shall be retained by the City of Aurora and disposed of as surplus property at its earliest convenience. A bill of sale shall be provided to the Lawrence County Emergency Services Board for any transferred equipment.

SECTION FOUR: The City of Aurora shall make available any and all areas within the City of Aurora Police and Fire Station where such emergency dispatch and communication services equipment is located to properly approved and authorized vendors, Lawrence County Emergency Services Board contractors, or other necessary individuals for the purpose of installing, inspecting, maintaining, or other necessary action needed to ensure the continued uninterrupted operation of equipment requisite for emergency dispatch and communication services that are provided by the Lawrence County Emergency Services Board.

SECTION FIVE: The City of Aurora shall continue to provide emergency dispatch and communication services for the City of Aurora and Marionville until such time that the Lawrence County Emergency Services Board has informed the City of Aurora that they shall commence

operations and responsibility of emergency dispatch and communication services for the City of Aurora.

SECTION SIX: The City Council hereby authorizes the City Manager and the City's Legal Counsel to take all such further actions as may be necessary to carry out the intent of this Resolution.

SECTION SEVEN: The recitals contained above are incorporated in this Resolution as if fully set forth herein.

SECTION EIGHT: This Resolution is adopted and shall be in full force and effect on and after its passage and approval

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, MISSOURI THIS 13TH DAY OF OCTOBER 2020.

APPROVED:

Doyle Ferguson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kimberly Breedlove, City Clerk