



AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY FORM

MEETING DATE: January 14, 2025

PREPARED BY: Colleen Martin, Director of HR and Risk Management

AGENDA CONTENT: Update on the water bill contributions for retired firefighters and retired Emergency Management Service (EMS) volunteers.

AGENDA ITEM SECTION: Regular Agenda

BUDGETED AMOUNT: \$10,498.80 **FUNDS REQUESTED:** \$10,498.80

FUND: 100, 200 and 300

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

On November 19, 2002, the City of Angleton City Council approved a recommendation to award all retired volunteer firefighters and volunteer EMS personnel a stipend covering the base rate of water, sewer, and garbage; at the time of the approved recommendation, the rates were \$29.74 for water, \$14.46 for sewer, and \$23.10 for garbage, a total of \$67.30 per month per person.

In approximately 2012, the contributions were changed to grandfather only those current volunteers, and all others would be excluded from the benefit going forward.

The former Director of Finance gave Fire Chief Morton a list of recipients to contact regarding the upcoming change on October 15, 2024. However, the billing cycle beginning September 25, 2024, with payment due on October 25, 2024, already showed the stipend removed; the participants were not notified promptly.

The stipend has been removed as of the October 25, 2024, invoice.

The most recent stipend provided was at the current base rate listed below, totaling \$71.17 per person.

- \$33.61 for water
- \$14.46 for sewer
- \$23.10 for garbage

The change impacts Eleven (11) retired volunteer firefighters and three (3) Angleton Area EMS personnel.

RECOMMENDATION: