



City Commission Agenda Item

Meeting Date: August 5, 2025
From: Randy Frazer, City Manager
Item: Fire Services Agreement - Rural Fire District No. 6 (Strother Field)

Motion: A Resolution authorizing the City of Arkansas City to enter into an Agreement between the City of Arkansas City, the City of Winfield, and Cowley County Rural Fire District No. 6, to provide fire protection services to Rural Fire District No. 6. **(Voice Vote)**

Background: The City of Arkansas City and the City of Winfield have jointly provided fire protection services to Cowley County Rural Fire District No. 6, servicing the Strother Field area, under an interlocal agreement. The current agreement is set to expire, and the parties have negotiated a new five-year agreement to continue this cooperative service arrangement.

The new agreement will be effective from January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2031, and outlines the responsibilities of each party, the terms of service, and the financial obligations of the Fire District. Key terms include:

- The Fire District will remit all proceeds from a 5-mill ad valorem property tax levy, with a minimum annual payment of \$57,750, equally divided between the City of Arkansas City and the City of Winfield.
- The Cities will provide fire protection and emergency response services, contingent upon resource availability and safety conditions.
- Additional provisions address controlled burning procedures, indemnification, and cost-sharing of publication requirements.

Cowley County has already approved the agreement, and the City of Winfield will consider it at their August 4, 2025, meeting.

Commission Options:

1. Approve the Resolution
2. Disapprove of the Resolution
3. Table the Resolution for further discussion

Fiscal Impact: For the City of Arkansas City, the annual fee, five (5) mills not less than \$57,750.00 split between the two cities, as detailed in the agreement.

Fund:	Department:	Expense Code:
<input type="checkbox"/> Included in budget	<input type="checkbox"/> Grant	<input type="checkbox"/> Bonds
		<input type="checkbox"/> Other Not Budgeted

Attachments: Resolution, RFD No. 6 Fire Service Agreement

Approved for Agenda by:

Randy Frazer, City Manager