



STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: September 12, 2023

TITLE:

Consider action to approve Resolution No. R-2023-140 of the City Council of the City of Bastrop, Texas, approving an agreement for Emergency Communications Services between Bastrop County and the City of Bastrop, attached as Exhibit A; authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary documents; providing for a repealing clause; and establishing an effective date.

AGENDA ITEM SUBMITTED BY:

Vicky Steffanic, Chief of Police

BACKGROUND/HISTORY:

Bastrop County, namely Bastrop County Emergency Communications Services (BCEC), has been providing emergency communications for the City of Bastrop Police and Fire Departments.

On October 1st, 2018, the City of Bastrop and Bastrop County entered into a interlocal agreement for emergency communications services. The BCEC provides telecommunications, 9-1-1 service, and dispatch services to the city. At the time, the cost of this service was two hundred eighty-six thousand three hundred and five dollars (\$286,305). The agreement was set for two (2) years and then automatically renewed on October 1st each year after that.

A proposed increase began on October 1st, 2021, for the amount of \$330,781.96, this increase of forty-four thousand, four hundred seventy-six dollars and ninety-six cents (\$44,476.96) was scheduled until October 1st, 2023.

The newest proposal is set to take place on October 1st, 2023, in the (decreased) amount of three hundred twenty-five thousand dollars, (\$325,000.00) a year. This total payment to Bastrop County is made in quarterly installments of eighty-one thousand two hundred fifty dollars and zero cents (\$81,250.00). A difference of five thousand, seven hundred eighty-one dollars and ninety-six cents (decreased).

The Fire Department will continue to have dispatch services through the BCEC with no charge for services. This adjustment was made in the past because other fire departments in Bastrop County are not charged for dispatch services. The lack of charge for the fire department will continue with this agreement, fire is included in the agreement due to receiving services.

FISCAL IMPACT:

For the next two years, the city will pay \$325,000.00 a year, a decrease of \$5,781.96 a year, to Bastrop County for Emergency Communications Services. Quarterly payments are due on October 1st, January 1st, April 1st, and July 1st during the fiscal year. This amount is in the FY 2024 proposed budget.

RECOMMENDATION:

Chief Vicky Steffanic recommends approval of Resolution No. R-2023-140 of the City Council of the City of Bastrop, Texas, approving the agreement for Emergency Communications Services between Bastrop County and the City of Bastrop, attached as Exhibit A; authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary documents; providing for a repealing clause; and establishing an effective date.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Resolution number 2023-140
- Attachment "A"

