

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE A COST SHARE AGREEMENT FOR IDENTIFYING A REGIONAL BROADBAND CONSULTANT

WHEREAS, the City of Republic, Missouri, (herein called the “City” and “Republic”) is a municipal corporation and Charter City located in Greene County, Missouri, being duly created, organized, and existing under the laws of the State of Missouri; and

WHEREAS, the City has identified a group of surrounding municipalities and counties who share a mutual interest with the City in bringing high-speed broadband internet to their respective citizens, including Christian County, Nixa, Ozark, Strafford, Willard and Greene County (in addition to Republic); and

WHEREAS, the City has identified a corresponding opportunity to potentially cost-share with the aforementioned municipalities and counties in order to defray the cost to the City of bringing such utilities to Republic; and

WHEREAS, City Utilities of Springfield (“CU”) has initiated a Regional Broadband Partnership with the aforementioned municipalities and counties and proposed a Cost Share Agreement for Identifying a Regional Broadband Consultant, pursuant to which CU would, on behalf of the aforementioned municipalities and counties, identify a qualified broadband consultant in exchange for a flat fee of \$20,000, to be divided amongst the participants in a pro rata allocation based on pre-determined household/population figures; and

WHEREAS, the total cost to the City for CU’s services under the cost share agreement would be approximately \$1,521.77; and

WHEREAS, the Council finds it is in the best interest of the City to authorize the City Administrator to enter into the cost share agreement with CU and other participants, as it would minimize cost to the City while maximizing potential benefit to the City in providing various high-speed internet options to the citizens.

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

- Section 1. The City Administrator, or designee on behalf of the City, is authorized to enter into the Cost Share Agreement for Identifying a Regional Broadband Consultant with CU and the other named participants.
- Section 2. The City Administrator, or designee, on behalf of the City, is authorized to take the necessary steps to execute the Cost Share Agreement.
- Section 3. The whereas clauses are hereby specifically incorporated herein by reference.
- Section 4. This Resolution shall become effective on and after the date of passage and approval as provided by law.

PASSED AND APPROVED at a special session meeting of the City Council of the City of Republic, Missouri, this 22nd day of March 2022.

Matt Russell, Mayor

Attest:

Laura Burbridge, City Clerk

Approved as to Form:

Megan E. McCullough

Megan McCullough, City Attorney