

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-08-21-09

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF ROLLINGWOOD, TEXAS
AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENGAGE IN DISCUSSIONS WITH
VARIOUS ENTITIES REGARDING THE SECUREMENT OF WATER
RIGHTS, A CONTRACT FOR WHOLESALE WATER SERVICE, AND
PROCURE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RELATED THERETO**

WHEREAS, a reliable drinking water supply is critical to the life, well-being, and safety of the residents, human and non-human, of central Texas, and of the City of Rollingwood, Texas; and

WHEREAS, a safe potable water supply is critical to all economic and civic activity in the area, the suppression of fire, the alleviation of extreme heat; and

WHEREAS, the City's drinking water comes exclusively through a contract with the City of Austin; and

WHEREAS, the City does not own its own water rights with the Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA) and the City is expected to ultimately procure the City's own water rights according to the existing contract with the City of Austin; and

WHEREAS, the City is projected to require no more than 500 acre-ft/year of water to meet existing water demands and future demand projections; and

WHEREAS, the City intends to submit the required Water Contract Application and General Information Form to LCRA upon collecting the necessary information for inclusion in the application; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to provide notice to LCRA of its intent to secure 500 acre-ft/year of water.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROLLINGWOOD:

Section 1. That the foregoing recitals are hereby found to be true and correct findings of the City Council of Rollingwood and are fully incorporated into the body of this Resolution.

Section 2. That the City Council of the City of Rollingwood finds and determines that the Mayor is authorized to engage in discussions with LCRA to secure water rights for 500 acre-ft/year, including preparation of the required LCRA permitting forms and attachments. The LCRA application fee is \$2,000. The annual cost for used firm water is \$155 per acre-ft/year; however, if the City does not use all of the reserved capacity then the cost of the unused water is \$77.50 per acre-ft/year. If the City exceeds their reserved capacity the rate is \$310 per acre-ft/year for every acre-ft above 500 acre-ft/year. If the City uses the full reserved capacity, the annual cost is \$77,500.

Any resulting contract to be brought back for final approval by the City Council.


Section 3. That the City Council of the City of Rollingwood finds and determines that the Mayor is authorized to engage in discussions with the City of Austin to develop a contract for the City's water to be treated and transported by the City of Austin to the City of Rollingwood existing water delivery points. The cost for the City of Austin contract is not known at this time and will be negotiated. Any resulting contract to be brought back for final approval by the City Council.

Section 4. The Mayor is authorized to procure professional engineering and surveying services to prepare the required LCRA permit applications, perform necessary City limits and boundary survey, develop maps and exhibits, and gather all other backup information required by LCRA, in an amount not to exceed \$40,000 to be appropriated from the unexpended balances of the water fund and/or wastewater fund. In total, 10 exhibits are required to be included with the LCRA application.

Section 5. It is officially found, determined, and declared that the meeting at which this Resolution is adopted was open to the public and public notice of the time, place, and subject matter of the public business to be considered at such meeting, including this Resolution, was given, all as required by Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, as amended.


Section 6. This Resolution shall be in force and effect from and after its passage and it is so resolved.

PASSED, APPROVED AND DULY RESOLVED by the City Council of Rollingwood on this the 21st day of August, 2024.



Gavin Massingill, Mayor

ATTEST:



Ashley Wayman, City Administrator