City Council Meeting
Agenda Item
Data Sheet

Meeting Date: December 2, 2024

Topic:

Approve the City Manager and Fire Chief to execute the necessary documents for a Memorandum of Understanding with the Texas A&M Forest Service for Tomball Fire Rescue to assist with the conduction of prescribed fire and mechanical fuel mitigation.

Background:

Tomball Fire Rescue and Texas A&M Forest Service would like to enter into an agreement for City of Tomball Firefighters to participate in prescribed fire and mechanical fuel mitigation throughout the state of Texas, under the direction of the Forest Service. Prescribed fires, also known and a controlled burns, are a planned fire used to achieve specific land management goals, such as, reducing wildfire risk and restoring and maintaining ecosystems.

During wildfire seasons, Texas firefighters assist the Forest Service with fuel mitigation, which expands the experience and knowledge of our firefighters. Additionally, this is a requirement to advance certifications pertaining to wildland fire suppression.

Origination: Fire Department

Recommendation:

Approval

Party(ies) responsible for placing this item on agenda: Joe Sykora, Fire Chief

FUNDING (IF APPLICABLE)

Are funds specifically designated in the current budget for the full amount required for this purpose?

Yes: _____ No: X If yes, specify Account Number: #_____

If no, funds will be transferred from account: #_____ To Account: #

Signed: Joe Sykora, Fire Chief 11/26/2024 **Approved by:** _____

Staff Member Date City Manager Date