

City Council Meeting

Agenda Item

Data Sheet

Meeting Date: January 17, 2022

Topic:

Approve Resolution No. 2022-03 - A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Tomball, Texas, authorizing the City Manager to act for the City in connection with the City's receipt and expenditure of grants from the American Rescue Plan and the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund and making other provisions related to the subject.

Background:

Enacted on March 11, 2021, the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) authorized \$1.9 trillion in federal pandemic relief funds. Of that, \$350 billion was authorized in state and local government fiscal assistance.

As a non-entitlement unit (NEU), the City of Tomball requested funds through the Texas Department of Emergency Management (TDEM). Tomball was awarded \$2,918,422.92 in ARP funds. The funds will be distributed through two equal tranches. The first payment of \$1,459,211.46 has been received by the City. The second payment will be delivered in 2022.

Per ARPA, funds could be used by recipients under the following general categories:

- To respond to the pandemic or its negative economic impacts, including assistance to households, small businesses, and nonprofits, or aid to impacted industries such as tourism, travel and hospitality;
- For premium pay to eligible workers performing essential work (as determined by each recipient government) during the pandemic;
- For the provision of government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue due to the pandemic; and
- To make necessary investments in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure.

Resolution 2022-03, as drafted, authorizes the City Manager to represent the City's interests in connection with the receipt of the ARP funds, ensure expenditures are in compliance with applicable laws, and proper documentation and reporting is completed. The Resolution also includes the "City of Tomball American Rescue Plan Funding Plan." As currently drafted, the resolution only designates the purchase of water meters as a project. The remaining funds can be designated to projects as Council discusses and provides direction on additional uses.

Origination: City Management

Recommendation:

Staff recommends approval of the resolution..

Party(ies) responsible for placing this item on agenda: Jessica Rogers, Assistant City Manager

FUNDING (IF APPLICABLE)

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

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

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

Signed: Jessica Rogers 1/12/2022 **Approved by:** _____
Staff Member Date City Manager Date