RESOLUTION

Authorizing Application by the City of Laurel to the Federal Emergency Management Agency for a Firefighters Assistance Grant

WHEREAS, the administration for the City of Laurel has learned of the availability of grant funds in an amount of up to one million dollars (\$1,000,000.00) through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for assistance to firefighters; and

WHEREAS, FEMA Firefighters Assistance Grants award ninety-five percent of the total amount of the proposed project, requiring a five percent local match; and

WHEREAS, the Administration has identified a project for training and equipment within the Laurel Fire Department which qualifies for funding under the specifications of the FEMA Firefighters Assistance Grant; and

WHEREAS, the City of Laurel desires to seek funding which will better equip and train the Laurel Fire Department, thereby improving the safety and welfare of its citizens

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Laurel City Council as follows:

- (1) that authorization be granted for submission of an application to the Federal Emergency Management Agency for funds in the amount of up to one hundred thirty-eight thousand one hundred fifty-five dollars (\$138,155) through the Firefighters Assistance program;
- (2) that Mayor Johnny Magee, acting on behalf of the City of Laurel, be authorized to sign any and all documents necessary for said application and for implementation of the project should grant funds be awarded to the City;
- (3) that Grant Writer/Administrator Whitney Pickering and Fire Chief Mark Nichols be designated as alternate signatures and authorized to sign documents on the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Firefighters Assistance Grants e-portal;
- (4) that the Administration be authorized to commit up to six thousand five hundred seventy-nine dollars (\$6,579) in local matching funds;
- (5) that the Finance Director be authorized to perform whatever budget transactions are necessary for implementation of the foregoing Resolution.

Motion was made by <u>Councilperson S. Comegys</u> and seconded by <u>Councilperson Wheat</u>, for the adoption of the above and foregoing Resolution.

Upon roll call vote, the result was as follows:
YEAS: Capers, Wheat, Thaxton, Carmichael, S. Comegys, Page
NAYS: None
ABSTAINING: None
ABSENT: None
The President thereupon declared the motion carried and the Resolution be adopted this the <u>3rd</u> day of <u>MARCH</u> , A.D. 2020.
President of the City Council
ATTESTED AND SUBMITTED TO THE MAYOR BY THE CLERK OF THE COUNCIL ON THIS THEday of, 2020.
Clerk of the Council
APPROVED () DATE
VETOED () DATE
MAYOR ATTEST:
CITY CLERK

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