



TO: Mayor Tom Ross
Members of the City Council

FROM: Jason Sorenson, Utilities Director

DATE: January 2, 2024

SUBJECT: WARD COUNTY MULTI HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN – RESOLUTION

I. RECOMMENDED ACTION

- A. Recommend council authorize the mayor to sign the resolution to adopt the Ward County Multi Hazard Mitigation Plan upon final approval by the City of Minot and Ward County.

II. DEPARTMENT CONTACT PERSONS

Jason Sorenson, Utilities Director 701-857-4140

III. DESCRIPTION

A. Background

Ward County Emergency Management (WCEM) updates and adopts a Multi Hazard Mitigation Plan every five years. WCEM is currently working on getting a new plan submitted to NDDDES and FEMA for approval. The City of Minot adopts the plan upon its completion and approval.

B. Proposed Project

The City of Minot has submitted a grant application to NDDDES for the addition of three new emergency warning systems for Minot. A condition of the grant funding is adoption of a Multi Hazard Mitigation Plan. Since the grant application is due in mid-January and the mitigation plan is complete but not formally adopted, WCEM has asked the City of Minot to sign a resolution that the city will adopt the Multi Hazard Mitigation Plan pending its final approval. The resolution will satisfy the condition of the grant application.

C. Consultant Selection

N/A

IV. IMPACT:

A. Strategic Impact:

N/A

B. Service/Delivery Impact:

C. Fiscal Impact:

Project Costs

There is no fiscal impact of signing the Multi Hazard Mitigation Plan. If additional projects arise from the mitigation plan, those will be budgeted for and approved separately by council.

Project Funding
N/A

V. CITY COUNCIL ASPIRATIONS

Adopting the Ward County Multi Hazard Mitigation Plan will achieve the council's aspiration of Resilient and Prepared.

VI. ALTERNATIVES

Council could elect to not authorize signing the resolution. In this case, the City of Minot would not qualify to apply for grant funding for the emergency warning systems. An alternate funding source would need to be identified or the warning system wouldn't get built.

VII. TIME CONSTRAINTS

Time is of the essence since the resolution is required for a grant application to NDDPS

VIII. LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

A. *City of Minot Multi Hazard Mitigation Plan Resolution*