

City of Shelbyville
Mayor & City Council
Special Called Meeting Agenda

Special Called Meeting: March 2, 2021

Time: 12:00 p.m.

Place: Shelbyville Recreation Center, Meeting Room, 220 Tulip Tree Road.

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Roll Call**
- III. Adopt the Agenda**

New Business:

- IV. Resolution**
 - A.** A Resolution of the City of Shelbyville, Tennessee Authorizing a Grant Application to the Department of Homeland Security, FEMA Grant Program Directorate, and Assistance to Firefighters SAFER Grant (Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response)
- V. Announcements**
- VI. Adjourn**

Wallace Cartwright, Mayor



City of Shelbyville, Tennessee
City Council Meeting Staff Summary

To: Mayor & City Council
From: Matt Doak, Fire Chief
Date: February 25, 2021
Subject: SAFER Grant Resolution

Description: The SFD is requesting to apply for the currently open F.E.M.A./ S.A.F.E.R. Grant to help facilitate the staffing of (9) additional firefighters for Fire Hall 3. If awarded, 100% of the salary/benefit costs for the (9) firefighters (estimated to be \$65,000 each or \$585,000 annually) would be covered by the grant for (3) years with NO local match. The approximate total for this grant request will be \$1,755,000.

These positions are key to maximizing the safety and response standards expected by our constituents. Additionally, these positions will help us as we work to improve our ISO rating most especial in our most northern response area. These (9) positions will enable us to add (3) firefighters to each shift.

Economic Impact: If Council approves, this is a (3) year 100% grant opportunity with NO local match. However, at the end of (3) years the City will be solely responsible for payroll/benefit costs. This cost is currently estimated at \$585,000 annually.

RESOLUTION NO _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SHELBYVILLE, TENNESSEE AUTHORIZING A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, FEMA GRANT PROGRAM DIRECTORATE, AND ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS SAFER GRANT (STAFFING FOR ADEQUATE FIRE AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE)

WHEREAS, The City of Shelbyville operates a Municipal Fire Department serving the citizens of the City with Fire protection, fire prevention, emergency medical services, and specialized services; and

WHEREAS, the Shelbyville Fire Department is established through the City Code of Ordinances, Title 7, Chapter 3; and

WHEREAS, The City of Shelbyville recognizes that the Shelbyville Fire Department is an essential public service provided to the citizens of the City and adequate staffing is essential to the professional and efficient deliverance of this service.

WHEREAS, the SAFER Grant program provides funding directly to fire departments representing the interests of firefighters to assist them in increasing the number of firefighters to help fire departments meet minimum standards and attain 24- hour staffing to protect communities from fire and fire related hazards and to fulfill traditional missions of fire departments, and thus to the protection of lives and property in this City; and

WHEREAS, the SAFER Grant would allow nine (9) additional personnel, three (3) per shift; and

WHEREAS, the SAFER Grant is funded for a period of three years; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council believe that the increase in personnel offered through the SAFER Grant will be beneficial to the Fire Department.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE City of Shelbyville, Tennessee as follows:

1. The City of Shelbyville staff is authorized to apply with the Department of Homeland Security, FEMA Grant Program Directorate, Assistance to Firefighters Grant for the SAFER Grant.
2. The Mayor is further authorized to enter into necessary contract with said agencies to receive and administer such grant funds.
3. The grant funding is 100 % of the personnel expenses for the first three years of employment with no local match.
4. If awarded to the City, 100% of the personnel expenses for the nine (9) additional firefighters (estimated to be \$65,000 per firefighter or \$585,000 annually) will be reflected in the City's Annual Budget at the end of the three (3) years without any additional offsetting grant revenue.

PASSED AND ADOPTED in regular session of the City Council of Shelbyville, Tennessee on March 2, 2021.

APPROVED:

Wallace Cartwright, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lisa Smith, City Recorder

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Ginger Bobo Shofner, City Attorney