

RESOLUTION NO. R2020-50

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURNET, TEXAS AUTHORIZING A \$10,000.00 REWARD FOR INFORMATION LEADING TO THE ARREST OF THE PERSON OR PERSONS COMMITTING ARSONS IN THE COMMUNITY; AND AUTHORIZING HILL COUNTRY AREA CRIME STOPPERS TO ADMINISTER THE REWARD PROCESS

Whereas, the Burnet community has recently experienced a rash of fires causing significant damage to buildings and motor vehicles; and

Whereas, Arson Investigators have determined the fires to be intentionally set; and

Whereas, the fires have caused an emergency response of Fire Department and Police personnel, therefore taxing County and City resources; and

Whereas, arson is a crime that is difficult to solve without witnesses coming forward; and

Whereas, Texas Crime Stoppers organizations are community-based partnerships formed by dedicated citizens, law enforcement, and the media designed to achieve citizen interest and involvement in solving crimes by assuring witness anonymity, establishing reward systems that pay for information leading to the arrest or charges filed on persons involved in crimes, and selecting an unsolved "Crime of the Week" featured by reenactment in nightly television news broadcasts, radio spots, and newspaper articles; and

Whereas, the Hill Country Area Crime Stoppers has proven to be successful solving crimes in the past by providing a platform for a person to submit an anonymous tip and collect the reward without being identified or coming forward as a witness; and

Whereas, City staff recommends the City offer a reward through the Hill Country Area Crime Stoppers for information leading to the arrest of the person/persons responsible for the arsons; and

Whereas, City Council deems it promotes public safety, and is in the public interest, to offer such reward.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURNET, TEXAS, THAT:

Section 1. Findings. The recitals to this Resolution are incorporated herein for all purposes.

Section 2. Reward Authorized. It is hereby authorized that an offer of a \$10,000.00 reward for information leading to the arrest of the person, or persons, responsible for the arsons committed in the area. In no event shall the reward exceed \$10,000.00, without further Council action.

Section 3. Administration of Reward. The Hill Country Area Crime Stoppers shall administer all matters related to the publication of the reward, the receipt of tips from witnesses and the award of a reward for information leading to the arrest of the perpetrator or perpetrators of the crimes described in Section 2, above.

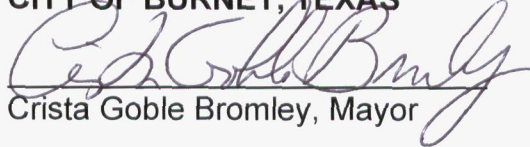
Section 4. Mayor's Authorization. The Mayor is hereby authorized to execute such instruments and take such actions as may reasonably be necessary to facilitate the purpose of this Resolution. If required by the Crime Stoppers program, the Mayor may delegate such authority to the Police Chief.

Section 5. Open Meetings. It is hereby officially found and determined that the meeting at which this resolution was passed was open to the public and that public notice of the time, place and purpose of said meeting was given as required by the Open Meetings Act, as modified by the governor's orders in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.


Section 6. Effective Date. That this resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage, and approval as prescribed by law.

PASSED AND APPROVED this the 27th day of October, 2020.

CITY OF BURNET, TEXAS


Crista Goble Bromley, Mayor

ATTEST:


Kelly Dix, City Secretary