Introduced By: Mayor Jerry Cleworth Finance Committee Review: July 17, 2012

Date: July 23, 2012

RESOLUTION NO 4538

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF FAIRBANKS TO APPLY FOR A MUNICIPAL MATCHING GRANT FROM THE ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION FOR A SLUDGE DEWATERING PROJECT AT THE CITY-OWNED WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

WHEREAS, under terms of the 1997 sale of the City utility system, the City retains ownership of the Peger Road wastewater treatment plant (the "plant"); and

WHEREAS, Golden Heart Utilities ("GHU") operates the wastewater treatment facility in accordance with the terms of a lease with the City; and

WHEREAS, grant funding is available from the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation Municipal Matching Grant Program for rehabilitation of a part of the plant known as the Sludge Dewatering Facility; and

WHEREAS, the total project cost is \$4,635,600 with an available grant of \$2,775,360; and

WHEREAS, the grant will reduce the amount of a loan to rehabilitate the sludge dewatering facility thus reducing the expense to rate payers; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fairbanks, by resolution, must formally apply for the grant and agree to the terms and conditions of the grant, and adhere to any governing state regulations; and

WHEREAS, GHU has agreed to be responsible for any and all project expenses, to operate and maintain the completed project constructed with said grant, and to fully reimburse the City for expenses incurred under this grant, including staff time for accounting, grant administration and the audit process;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY

OF FAIRBANKS, that the City Council approves application to the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation Municipal Matching Grant Program in an amount that will not exceed \$2,775,360. The Mayor is authorized to enter into an agreement with GHU under which GHU will be responsible for (a) all costs of the project, (b) proper use of grant funds, (c) operation and maintenance of the completed project constructed with said grant in accordance with law and regulation, and (c) reimbursement of the full costs of any City staff time in connection with this grant.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor is also authorized to execute those documents necessary to implement the grant funded project and for adjustments to the project within the scope of the grant program.

PASSED and APPROVED this 23rd day of July 2012.

JERRY CLEWORTH, MAYOR

AYES:

PASSED and PPROVED on the Consent Agenda

NAYS:

None

ABSENT:

Gatewood

APPROVED:

July 23, 2012

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

DEN, CMC, City Clerk

PAUL J. EWERS, City Attorney