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## Council approves construction of second fire station

PROSPER (July 15, 2015) With the unanimous approval of Prosper's Town Council at last evening's Regular Meeting, the construction of the Town's second fire station is closer to reality, says Fire Chief Ronnie Tucker.

"The vote clears the way for the construction to begin," he said. "We're still a little ways from turning dirt, but the approval signals that all systems are go for the construction. Needless to say, this will be a major benefit to the Town and its residents."

Council approved a GMP agreement with Pogue Construction of McKinney, setting a Guaranteed Maximum Price of \$6,326,538 for the construction of the structure.

Pogue has agreed to a Construction-Manager-At-Risk agreement, a delivery method in which Pogue acts as a consultant to the Town in the development and design phases, but assumes the risk for construction performance as the equivalent of a general contractor holding all trade subcontracts during the construction phase.

The new station, officially called Fire Station No. 2 although sometimes referred to as the Windsong Ranch Fire Station, is located at 1140 South Teel Blvd. The land was donated to the Town for the specific purpose of constructing the station by the developers of the Windsong Ranch subdivision. "While Windsong Ranch is indeed a large part of that area, the new station will serve a large swath of west Prosper," said the Chief.

Three shifts of six fully-trained firefighter/paramedics will work the 24-hour, seven-day a week operation. Four of the six will be dedicated to the Engine Company and two will serve as medical support for the Emergency Medical Service vehicle on a rotating basis.

Putting Fire Station #2 in operation in late summer of next year will lower response times for virtually all areas of Town, significantly lowering the homeowner insurance rates of those residences furthest away from the current station.

"Some homeowners will see a drastic cut in their insurance rates," he said. "This action by the Council will have a ripple effect throughout Town, in a very positive way."

And, while mutual aid agreements with Celina, Little Elm, Frisco and McKinney will remain in place, the use of outside assistance for emergencies in Prosper will diminish significantly, allowing Prosper personnel to handle emergencies faster and more efficiently.

Plans call for the station to blend in with the dominant architectural flavor of the area, especially with the expected construction of Windsong Elementary School, slated for construction across the street from the new station.

The Chief will request a reassessment of the Town's fire protection class as soon as feasible following the completion of Fire Station #2. The new station means the reassessment will likely result in lowered insurance rates across a large portion of Town.

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**ABOUT THE TOWN OF PROSPER** – The Town of Prosper is a fast-growing suburb with small town charm, located 30 miles north of Dallas at the crossroads of U.S. 380, Preston Road and the Dallas North Tollway in Collin and Denton Counties. Prosper sits on 27 square miles and is home to more than 15,000 people. A home-rule municipality, governed by a council-manager form of government, the town has full-time fire and police departments, including its own dispatch service. As the Town grows to its projected build-out population of 70,000 residents, Prosper's vision is to remain a "Place Where Everyone Matters."