



**CITY OF WASHINGTON, ILLINOIS**  
**City Council Communication**

**Meeting Date:** February 1, 2021

**Prepared By:** Ray Forsythe, City Administrator

**Agenda Item:** Resolution: City Attorney Reappointment and Establishing Attorney's Fees

**Explanation:** The City contracts for City Attorney Services and has had an Agreement with Davis & Campbell L.L.C. since 2011. Each year the City passes a Resolution affirming the Mayor's recommendation for their employment for certain legal services which has been confirmed by the City Council.

**Fiscal Impact:** The Current Budget includes \$191,000 in various budgets for Legal Services. YTD fees are \$56,930.25

**Recommendation:** Staff Recommends the approval of the Resolution and continued use of Davis & Campbell for City Attorney services.

**Additional Documentation:** Resolution

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

Synopsis: The following resolution would reappoint Attorney Richard Russo as City Attorney, Attorney Derek Schryer as Assistant City Attorney, and would approve the use of other Davis & Campbell attorneys. This resolution also provides for hourly compensation for each of the attorneys.

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING CITY ATTORNEY REAPPOINTMENT AND  
ESTABLISHING ATTORNEYS' FEES**

**WHEREAS**, upon the recommendation of Mayor Gary W. Manier, the City Council previously approved the appointment of Richard Russo and Derek Schryer of Davis & Campbell L.L.C. as City Attorney and Assistant City Attorney respectively for the City of Washington; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council also previously approved the use of Keith Braskich of Davis & Campbell L.L.C. for specialized legal services provided such specialized services are authorized in advance by the Mayor or City Administrator; and

**WHEREAS**, Mayor Manier and the City Council wish to reappoint Richard Russo and Derek Schryer as City Attorney and Assistant City Attorney respectively, and to approve the use of Keith Braskich and Robert Coletta for specialized legal services; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council also authorizes Nicole Meyer, Jay Scholl, Michael Rayfield, Brittany Miller, and Chris Jump of Davis & Campbell L.L.C. to assist the City Attorney and Assistant City Attorney with providing legal services to the City of Washington on an as needed basis; and

**WHEREAS**, said authorization and the associated resulting expenses requires the formal approval of the Corporate Authorities.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CORPORATE  
AUTHORITIES OF THE CITY OF WASHINGTON, TAZEWELL COUNTY, ILLINOIS**,  
that Richard A. Russo and Derek A. Schryer of the Davis & Campbell L.L.C. law firm be reappointed City Attorney and Assistant City Attorney, respectively, for the City of Washington, Illinois.

The parties agree that City Attorney Russo shall be paid for services performed pursuant to this appointment at the rate of \$235.00 per hour and that Assistant City Attorney Schryer shall be paid for services performed pursuant to this appointment at the rate of \$235.00 per hour.

Additionally, Nicole Meyer and Jay Scholl are authorized to assist the City Attorney and Assistant City Attorney with providing legal services for the City, on an as needed basis, at the rate of \$225.00 per hour. Chris Jump is authorized to assist the City Attorney and Assistant City Attorney with providing legal services for the City, on an as needed basis, at the rate of \$205.00 per hour. Michael Rayfield and Brittany Miller are authorized to assist the City Attorney and Assistant City Attorney with providing legal services for the City, on an as needed basis, at the rate of \$195.00 per hour.

Furthermore, should the City require specialized legal services from Davis & Campbell attorney Keith Braskich and attorney Robert Coletta, shall be compensated at a rate of \$270.00 per hour, respectively, provided such specialized legal services are authorized in advance by the Mayor or City Administrator.

Unless otherwise terminated prior thereto, said appointments shall remain in effect until the 31<sup>st</sup> day of December 2021 and until a successor is appointed.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** by the Corporate Authorities this 1<sup>st</sup> day of February, 2021.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk