



CITY OF WASHINGTON, ILLINOIS
Council Agenda Communication

Meeting Date: May 1, 2023

Prepared By: Jim Snider, MPA, City Administrator

Agenda Item: Resolution approving City Attorney Reappointment and Establishing Attorneys' Fees

Explanation: This Resolution amends attorneys' fees for our current city attorneys with Davis & Campbell L.L.C. The previous resolution approved March 2, 2020, is enclosed.

Fiscal Impact: Certain attorney services for city operations is covered by the annual city budget.

Action Requested: City Council approval by Resolution May 1, 2023, Council Meeting.

RESOLUTION NO. R-1291

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 \$225.00 per hour and that Assistant City Attorney Schryer shall be paid for services performed pursuant to this appointment at the rate of \$225.00 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 \$215.00 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 \$195.00 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 \$185.00 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 31st day of December 2020 and until a successor is appointed.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Corporate Authorities this 2nd day of March 2020.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

Patricia S. Brown
City Clerk