



STAFF REPORT

DATE: March 7, 2017
CONSENT
ITEM #: 9

AGENDA ITEM: Appoint City Attorney for Prosecution Services

SUBMITTED BY: Kristina Handt, City Administrator

BACKGROUND:

At the January 3rd Council meeting, Council directed staff to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) for prosecution services. The RFP was issued January 17th and due February 14th. Also at the meeting, Eckberg Lammers was appointed the Interim City Attorney for Prosecution.

ISSUE BEFORE COUNCIL:

Who should the Council appoint as City Attorney for prosecution services?

PROPOSAL:

The City received proposals from Holstad and Knaak, Lawson Law Firm, Kevin Shoeberg, H.A. Kantrud, Johnson and Turner and GDO Law. Staff had also reached out to Eckberg Lammers, the city's current prosecuting attorney.

Since Eckberg has been on board for a little over a year, they were able to re-evaluate their proposal from the end of 2015 and offer revised rates based upon their experience working with the city. Because of their rate reduction, similar clients and familiarity with the city, staff is recommending that Eckberg Lammers remain the City's prosecuting attorney.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The rate reduction from Eckberg Lammers will reduce the City's cost for prosecution services over the next four years by \$11,500.

OPTIONS:

- 1) Appoint Eckberg Lammers as City Attorney for Prosecution
- 2) Appoint another firm as City Attorney for Prosecution
- 3) Table decision until applicants are interviewed by Council

RECOMMENDATION:

If removed from the consent agenda:

“Move to appoint Eckberg Lammers as City Attorney for prosecution services”

ATTACHMENTS:

None