



Agenda Item Report

Meeting Type: Common Council

Meeting Date: July 7, 2026

Item Title: Legal Services with Reuter, Whitish & Evans

Submitted By: Matt Amundson, City Administrator

Detailed Description of Subject Matter:

The City issued a request for proposals for legal services and received 4 responses. A team of Mayor Hammer, Dennis Weiner, Mike Kornmann, Kendra Riddle, and myself interviewed three firms.

- Russel Law
- West & Dunn
- Reuter, Whitish & Evans

The firm of Reuter, Whitish, and Evans was the unanimous selection of the team. Their proposed hourly fee of \$225 was the lowest of those interviewed. Additionally, they have the most municipal experience in our area of those interviewed and they stood above the rest in terms of their work in municipal prosecution.

They currently serve as the municipal attorney for both DeForest and McFarland. Dan Evans will serve as the primary contact for Columbus.

If approved, it is anticipated that a transition period will occur in November of 2026 and Attorney Johnson and Evans will work with staff on the transition period.

List all Supporting Documentation Attached:

Draft Agreement

Action Requested of Council:

Consider and take action on agreement for legal services with Reuter, Whitish, and Evans.