



STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: January 6, 2025

MEETING TYPE: City Council

SUBMITTED BY: Cynthia Olguin

AGENDA CAPTION: Discuss and consider Resolution R2025-01-1231 OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUTCHINS, TEXAS, DESIGNATING AN OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER OF THE CITY OF HUTCHINS, TEXAS, FOR THE REMAINDER OF FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025. Presented by Cynthia Olguin

Background Information

Section 52.004 of the Local Government Code provides that the City Council shall, as soon as practical after the beginning of each municipal year, designate a public newspaper of the city to be the official newspaper until another is selected.

On December 11, 2024, Focus Daily News editor Marlon Hanson notified the city that Focus Daily News would cease business with their last printed newspaper scheduled for January 1, 2025. City staff has communicated with two local newspaper vendors, Daily Commercial Record, and Texas Rambler Media, to arrange for a replacement newspaper of record as soon as possible.

Daily Commercial Record submitted an informal proposal detailing pricing, publication schedules, and publication deadlines. They are a primarily a newspaper of record for legal public notices for Dallas County and other surrounding counties, but they will publish print articles/media releases submitted by the city.

Texas Rambler Media did not follow up with any information.

Budget Implications

Rates are based on column layout space, but they are compatible with the rates previously paid per word with Focus Daily News.

Operational Impact

N/A

Legal Review

Resolution and Statement of Facts reviewed by City Attorney Joe Gorfida.

Staff Recommendation

Staff would like to recommend Daily Commercial Record as the newspaper of record for the City of Hutchins for the remainder of fiscal year 2024-2025, and also continue with the Ellis County Press as an alternate newspaper.

Supporting Documentation and Attachments

- Focus Daily News Notice of Closure
- Daily Commercial Record
 - Statement of Fact
 - Proposal Requirements
 - Newspaper Pricing Examples
 - References
- Resolution R2025-01-1231