



CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

TO: Matthew R. Schmitz, MPA - City Manager

FROM: Susi Lampe, CMC, IaCMC, IaCFO – Assistant City Manager/City Clerk/Treasurer

DATE OF MEETING: January 12, 2026

ITEM TITLE: Annual Newspaper Designation Resolution

BACKGROUND:

This is an annual item addressed at the first council meeting of the new year. This has been known to be asked for during the annual audit process.

DISCUSSION:

Staff feel no discussion is necessary as this is a routine annual item.

RESULTS:

The City has established priorities during strategic planning sessions. This item supports the Vision from that session of **promoting and encouraging community involvement and engagement**. This item helps achieve that vision by making a good-faith effort to share information with residents about what is happening related to Independence City government.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION:

The expenses for most publications are included in the City Administration budget. Anything published related to a project is coded from that project.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends a motion to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the Resolution designating The Bulletin Journal as the newspaper for official publications for the City of Independence.