

AGENDA ACTION FORM

Consideration of a Resolution Approving the 2023 Amendments to the Tennessee State-Subdivision Opioid Abatement Agreement and Authorizing the Mayor to Execute the Agreement

To: Board of Mayor and Aldermen

From: Chris McCartt, City Manager

Action Form No.: AF-78-2023 Final Adoption: April 4, 2023 Work Session: April 3, 2023 Staff Work By: Bart Rowlett First Reading: April 4, 2023 Presentation By: Chris McCartt

Recommendation:

Approve the resolution.

Executive Summary:

This resolution approves settlement agreements with Teva, Allergan, CVS, Walgreens, and Walmart in the national opioid litigation.

The opioid epidemic continues to impact communities, including the City of Kingsport. Kingsport has, and will, continue to suffer harm as a result of the opioid epidemic. The State of Tennessee and some Tennessee local governments filed lawsuits against opioid manufacturers, distributors, and retailers, including may federal lawsuits by Tennessee counties and cities that are pending in the litigation captioned *In Re: National Prescription Opiate Litigation*, MDL No. 2804 (N.D. Ohio).

The city previously joined settlements with three pharmaceutical distributors and a manufacturer. Certain pharmaceutical manufacturers and retail pharmacy chains have proposed settlements that the City of Kingsport find acceptable and in the best interest of the community.

The 2023 Amendments to the Tennessee State-Subdivision Opioid Abatement Agreement would extend its terms to the proposed settlements, streamline accounting for certain settlement funds, and address the allocation of certain funds from a manufacturer and/or retail pharmacy chains in bankruptcy.

Attachments:

- Resolution
- 2. Amendments to the State Subdivision Opioid Abatement Agreement
- 3. Settlement Agreements with each Manufacturer

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