

February 19, 2024

VIA E-MAIL Dylan Mulfinger

City Administrator/City Hall Oelwein, Iowa

> Re: Oelwein, Iowa General Obligation Bridge Improvement Bonds, Series 2024

Dear Dylan:

I am writing to explain our role as Bond Counsel for the City's proposed General Obligation borrowing. It is our understanding that the City will issue General Obligation Bridge Improvement Bonds (the "Bonds") in the approximate principal amount of \$1,450,000 into the municipal bond market through a competitive sale to be facilitated by Speer Financial, Inc., the City's municipal advisor (the "Municipal Advisor").

As Bond Counsel, it is our responsibility to provide legal representation to the City with respect to the authorization of the issuance of the Bonds. In serving the City as Bond Counsel, we will prepare appropriate resolutions, notices, agreements, filings and closing certificates, consult with the Municipal Advisor, and undertake such additional duties as we deem necessary to help the City through this transaction. At closing of the Bond issue, assuming the proper conditions are in place, we will deliver our Bond Counsel opinion that (1) the Bonds are valid and binding general obligations of the City, and (2) the interest paid on the Bonds will be excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes.

In performing our services as Bond Counsel our sole client in this matter will be the City of Oelwein. We will not represent any other party in this financing and it is mutually understood that the services to be provided by us as described herein are solely for the benefit of the City of Oelwein.

It is important to note that we have <u>not</u> been engaged to serve as "disclosure counsel" to the City, which would cover in-depth legal work with respect to securities law regulations related to the Bonds and the official statement which will be drafted to facilitate their sale. This means that while we will review and comment on the portions of the official statement that are pertinent to our role as Bond Counsel (particularly tax related matters, state law authority related matters and collateralization related matters), we will <u>not</u> engage in a due diligence process to (i) investigate the accuracy of financial data contained therein, or (ii) to discover any bond holder risks that are unknown to us. We will <u>not</u> be responsible for the preparation of Appendix A to the Official Statement, but we will coordinate with the Municipal Advisor as they prepare that portion of the document. Furthermore, we will <u>not</u> be giving a legal opinion with respect to any aspects of the official statement. Please be aware that we are available to provide these additional services should the City desire to expand the scope of our representation. Please let me know if you would like to discuss this.

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Based upon: (i) our current understanding of the terms, structure, size and schedule of the financing, (ii) the duties we will undertake, (iii) the time we anticipate devoting to the project, and (iv) the responsibilities we assume, we estimate that our aggregate fees and expenses for legal services as Bond Counsel will be \$13,500. We typically bill for our services after closing of the Bond issue, but we reserve the right to bill for the value of our time invested in the representation if closing has not occurred by July 1, 2024.

After this arrangement is approved on behalf of the City, please have this letter executed in the space below and email an executed copy to lemke.susan@dorsey.com. If you have questions, please call me.

We look forward to working with you. Thank you for the opportunity to serve the City.

Best regards,

John P. Danos

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I understand and agree to the arrangements stated above.

CITY OF OELWEIN, IOWA

BY:

Mayor

Date: _____

ATTEST: ______City Clerk

Date: _____