

City Council Meeting

Agenda Item

Data Sheet

Meeting Date: January 2, 2024

Topic:

Approve Resolution No. 2024-01, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Tomball, Texas, Designating The Potpourri, Tomball Edition (Houston Community Newspapers/Houston Chronicle) as the Official Newspaper for 2024 for Publication of Matters Pertaining to the City of Tomball

Background:

Tomball Home Rule Charter, Section 3.06, and Texas Government Code, Section 2051.044, require the City Council to annually designate a public newspaper of general circulation in the City as the official newspaper for all legal notices—ordinances, public hearing notices, election notices, and other matters required to be published by the Charter, City of Tomball ordinances, the Constitution or state or federal laws.

The Potpourri, Tomball Edition (Houston Community Newspapers/Houston Chronicle) is the only "local" paper that meets all of the requirements of the City's Charter and state law. The Houston Chronicle's legal section would meet the requirements, however, publication rates are much higher in the Houston Chronicle than in the weekly edition of the Potpourri. As a monthly publication, the Community Impact newspaper does not meet the state's legal requirements.

The major portion of the City's official advertising involves legal notices, some of which are quarter-page ads that state or federal law require be published as display ads in the main body of the newspaper.

The Potpourri has an Internet site and we have enjoyed an excellent relationship with the Potpourri over the years. The Potpourri's publication date is on Wednesday.

Staff recommends designation of The Potpourri, Tomball Edition (Houston Community Newspapers) as the official newspaper for 2024.

Origination: Home Rule Charter

Recommendation:

Approve Resolution No. 2024-01, designating the Potpourri, Tomball Edition (Houston Community Newspapers/Houston Chronicle) as the Official Newspaper for 2024 for Publication of Matters Pertaining to the City of Tomball

Party(ies) responsible for placing this item on agenda:

Tracylynn Garcia, City Secretary