



Finance Department

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To: Finance Committee
From: Mark Stevens
Date: April 13, 2026
RE: Audit Services

The City has utilized the audit services of Baker Tilly for many years. Their continued engagement provides meaningful benefits, including consistency in audit approach and a deep, long-standing understanding of the City's financial operations. I have been able to rely on the institutional knowledge of their primary audit team members, many of whom have worked with our accounting system longer than I have been employed here.

Baker Tilly is also one of the leading providers of audit services for Wisconsin governmental entities. Based on their expertise, historical familiarity, and the value of continuity, I did not pursue competitive proposals from other accounting firms.

The estimated professional fees for the following five years are:

Year	City	Utilities
2025	\$66,900	\$22,000
2026	\$69,000	\$22,750
2027	\$71,400	\$23,500
2028	\$73,800	\$24,250
2029	\$76,000	\$25,000

Because the total amount exceeds the City's \$50,000 threshold requiring approval beyond staff authority, I request that the Finance Committee approve entering into an engagement with Baker Tilly for audit services for the 2025–2029 period.