



AGENDA ITEM COMMENTARY

MEETING NAME:	City Council
MEETING DATE:	May 20, 2024
ITEM TITLE:	Consider and take appropriate action on Resolution approving contract with Royce Wittie for Municipal Judge
STAFF INITIATOR:	Randy Criswell, City Manager

BACKGROUND:

As per Section 4.02 of the Wolfforth City Charter (adopted last November), “*Municipal Judge(s) and alternate Municipal Judge(s) shall be appointed by the City Manager upon a recommendation to and confirmation by a majority vote of the full City Council.*” The term for this appointment is two years. Mr. Royce Wittie has been serving in this capacity, was last appointed in 2022, and is up for reappointment. Over the past two years we’ve made sweeping changes in our Municipal Court operations, from staffing to software, and I’m pleased with the results. Mr. Wittie has expressed a desire to be reappointed, and I am recommending the Council approve the attached Resolution that will reappoint him for another two-year term. I am not making a recommendation regarding the appointment of the alternate Municipal Court Judge at this time.

The attached Resolution authorizes the execution of the attached contract with Judge Wittie for his services. Compensation remains unchanged at \$1,000 per month and no other changes are noted. The Judge’s schedule will remain:

1st Thursday of Each Month

- Announcement and Pre-Trial Dockets.
- 9 am docket for announcements and pre-trial meetings
- 10 am docket for announcement and pre-trial meetings
- 11 am docket show cause hearings, indigency hearings, and other matters

3rd Thursday each month

- 9 am docket for announcements and pre-trial meetings (if necessary)
- 10 am docket for announcement and pre-trial meetings (if necessary)
- 11 am docket show cause hearings, indigency hearings, and other matters

EXHIBITS:

Resolution with attached contract

COUNCIL ACTION/STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of resolution extending contract with Royce Wittie for Municipal Court Judge services