



AGENDA ITEM COMMENTARY

MEETING NAME:	City Council
MEETING DATE:	October 6, 2025
ITEM TITLE:	Consider and take appropriate action on Resolution 2025-044 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOLFFORTH, TEXAS APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH JANET MATTHEWS FOR MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE SERVICES; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE
STAFF INITIATOR:	Randy Criswell, City Manager

BACKGROUND:

I'd like to thank Gary Whitfill for his service as Municipal Court Judge for the past three years. With required trainings, legislative updates, and Court software knowledge needed, serving as Associate Judge requires a high level of dedication.

Terri and Rick have been in contact with Janet Matthews, discussing our mutual interest in her serving as a possible replacement for Associate Judge and serving as Judge for any future trials within the Court. Judge Matthews is a licensed Attorney and has been a member of the State Bar of Texas since 1998. We believe her legal expertise will be a great asset to the City of Wolfforth Municipal Court.

Per the City Charter, the Judge and Associate Judge are to be appointed by the City Manager, subject to confirmation by the City Council. I am requesting your confirmation to appoint Janet Matthews as Associate Judge. The City Attorney has prepared the appropriate contract outlining a fee of \$150 per hour for Judge Matthews' services. A Resolution has been prepared for your consideration.

EXHIBITS:

Resolution 2025-044

COUNCIL ACTION/STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

I am recommending Resolution 2025-044 be approved, confirming and appointing Janet Matthews to the position of Associate Judge.