



Wylie City Council

AGENDA REPORT

Department: Courts, Utility Billing
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Subject

Consider, and act upon, Resolution No. 2021-37(R) of the City Council of the City of Wylie, Texas approving the terms and conditions of an annual agreement for Fines and Fees Collection Services with Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson LLP; in the estimated annual amount of \$20,000.00 and authorizing the Interim City Manager to sign any and all necessary documents.

Recommendation

Motion to approve the Item as presented.

Discussion

Staff has determined that there is a substantial need for legal services for the collection of unpaid fines and fees for the Utility Billing and Courts Departments. These services are best provided by a legal firm which has the resources and services to locate individuals and collect the monies on a contingency fee basis (capped at 30% by Texas Code of Criminal Procedure Article 103.0021). Staff has also determined that it is in the City's best interest to obtain these services based on a contingency fee schedule rather than an hourly rate which could result in exorbitant fees.

The City has partnered with Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP, a well-qualified and competent firm, to perform the legal services. Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP, has provided specialized legal services for delinquent municipal court collections and closed utility accounts collection services to the City of Wylie since 2013 and the City has been well satisfied with the quality and outcome of the legal services provided.

Staff recommends an agreement with Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP in the estimated annual amount of \$20,000.00, as providing the best overall value to the City. This item will establish an annual contract with renewals.

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Financial Summary/Strategic Goals

This item meets the goal of Financial Health.