



Wylie City Council

AGENDA REPORT

Department: Municipal Court
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Account Code: _____

Subject

Consider, and act upon, an agreement authorizing the appointment of Art Maldonado as Municipal Court Judge for the City of Wylie effective November 1, 2022, setting terms and stipend of service.

Recommendation

Motion to approve Item as presented.

Discussion

Article IV, Section 3b of the City of Wylie Charter states “the city council shall appoint a judge of the municipal court, who shall be a competent, duly qualified, licensed attorney in the State of Texas. The judge of the municipal court shall be appointed to a term of two years, and may be appointed to additional and consecutive terms, upon completion of his term of office. The appointment of the judge may be terminated by a majority vote of the city council. The judge shall receive compensation as may be determined by the city council. This compensation shall be fixed, and commensurate with the duties performed by the judge.”

The appointment of the Presiding Municipal Court Judge is for a two-year term effective November 1, 2022 through October 31, 2024, and may be renewed for another two (2) year term. Compensation for services provided by the Municipal Court Judge is a set monthly rate of \$3,500.00 (average \$109.38 an hour based on 32 hours). This reflects an increase of \$500.00 in his monthly payment, and remains budget neutral. This increase is recommended to be in line with the average rate for licensed attorneys serving as Presiding Municipal Court Judges (Richardson is \$100 an hour, Rowlett is \$150 hour, and Murphy is \$125 hour). Judge Maldonado presides over show cause, pre-trial, Bench and Jury dockets, performs magistrate duties for the Wylie jail, and signs warrants after hours. Judge Art Maldonado has served the City for 15 years as the Presiding Municipal Court Judge. It is recommended that Judge Maldonado continue to provide service to the City as the Presiding Municipal Court Judge.