

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF DENTON, A TEXAS HOME-RULE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, AUTHORIZING PAYMENT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED TWO HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$250,000) PURSUANT TO AN ENGAGEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF DENTON AND CAROLYN AHRENS, ATTORNEY AT LAW APPROVED BY THE CITY ATTORNEY ON MARCH 11, 2022, TO PROVIDE LEGAL SERVICES TO THE CITY OF DENTON FOR NEGOTIATING WATER RIGHTS, SUPPLY CONTRACTS, AND SUBMITTING PERMIT APPLICATIONS; PROVIDING FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS THEREFOR; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2022, the City Attorney engaged Carolyn Ahrens, Attorney at Law for legal services related to general water matters and other matters not expressly covered by another engagement letter; and

WHEREAS, this procurement was undertaken as part of the City's governmental function; and

WHEREAS, the services pursuant to this engagement of legal services provided legal work and advice to complete or further projects including a Reservoir Yield Study, an Operational Agreement, a Water Supply Contract, an Interim Raw Water Contract, Treated Water Contract, Permit Modernization Amendments, Bed & Banks Uprate Amendment, Contract Template Project, Bed & Banks – Hickory, Bed & Banks – Clear Creek, Legislative / General, Texas Water Development Board Financing, Water Supply Plan including Aquifer Storage and Recovery, 210 Authorization Alert, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Contracts, Certificates of Convenience and Necessity, Groundwater Well, Hickory Hill Road Sewer, and Dam Safety.

WHEREAS, the fees for which payment is due are fair and reasonable and are consistent with, and not higher than, the recommended practices and fees applicable to the Provider's profession, and such fees do not exceed the maximum provided by law; NOW, THEREFORE,

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DENTON HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. The above recitals are fully adopted and incorporated herein for all purposes.

SECTION 2. The engagement of these legal services by the City is on the basis of the demonstrated competence, knowledge, and qualifications of the attorney and the demonstrated ability of the attorney and her demonstrated experience and ability to timely perform the services needed by the City, for fair and reasonable fees.

SECTION 3. The expenditure of funds in an amount not to exceed Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000), for professional fees and expenses for general water matters and other matters not expressly covered by another engagement letter is hereby approved, and the expenditure of funds therefor is hereby authorized in accordance with this ordinance.

SECTION 4. This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its passage and approval.

The motion to approve this ordinance was made by _____ and seconded by _____. This ordinance was passed and approved by the following vote [____ - ____]:

	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Mayor Gerard Hudspeth:	_____	_____	_____	_____
Vicki Byrd, District 1:	_____	_____	_____	_____
Brian Beck, District 2:	_____	_____	_____	_____
Paul Meltzer, District 3:	_____	_____	_____	_____
Joe Holland, District 4:	_____	_____	_____	_____
Brandon Chase McGee, At Large Place 5:	_____	_____	_____	_____
Chris Watts, At Large Place 6:	_____	_____	_____	_____

PASSED AND APPROVED this the _____ day of _____, 2023.

GERARD HUDSPETH, MAYOR

ATTEST:

JESUS SALAZAR, INTERIM CITY SECRETARY

BY: _____

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:

MACK REINWAND, CITY ATTORNEY

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