

**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE
COUNCIL ROOM, CITY HALL
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2023
6:15 P.M.**

The Personnel Committee was called to order by Chair Barbara Petkovsek. On roll call: Council Members Barbara Petkovsek, Julie Counsell, William Neville III and Mayor Duane Poeschel present.

Also present: Director of Public Works Luke Friemoth and City Clerk-Treasurer Rex R. Roehl.

Chair Petkovsek declared the minutes of the August 30, 2023 meeting approved as presented.

Chair Petkovsek stated that the City is changing from an employee attorney to a contract attorney service, four Requests for Proposals were sent out, two were received back – Weld Riley, S.C. and Wolfgram, Gamoke & Hutchinson, S.C.

Council Member Counsell stated that Weld Riley has a large area of expertise, with a lot of people and offices. Gamoke is only a two-person operation. Both are offering reasonable rates- Gamoke at \$200 per hour and Weld Riley at \$210 per hour-these are partner rate. With Weld Riley most of the work would probably be done at a lesser Associate rate (\$185), they also have paralegals and legal secretaries. The biggest difference would be the depth of experience available.

Council Member Neville stated that his bank has used Weld Riley, Gamoke is more limited, he likes the number of attorneys with Weld Riley, you would get a quicker response.

Council Member Counsell worked with Weld Riley when she worked for Hoffman Construction in Black River.

Chair Petkovsek stated she worked with Behling at Weld Riley on labor and zoning matters for the County. The cities of Colby and Loyal are satisfied with Gamoke.

Motion Counsell, second Neville, to recommend to the Common Council to accept the City Attorney services proposal from Weld Riley, S.C. All Aye.

Discussion on setting up a process to track who and when calls are made to the Attorney, so not everyone is calling willy-nilly.

Motion Counsell, second Neville to adjourn. All Aye.

Barbara Petkovsek, Chair

Rex R. Roehl, Clerk