

City Council Agenda Memo

TO: Larry D. Gilley, City Manager City Council

Meeting Date: 07/10/14

FROM: Mindy Patterson, Director of Finance

SUBJECT: Oral Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Execute A Professional Services

Agreement with Davis, Kinard & Co., P.C. for Audit Services

GENERAL INFORMATION

The City Charter requires that the City Council select a firm to conduct an audit of all accounts of the City. The contract with the City Council's independent auditor, Davis, Kinard & Co., P.C., expired with the conclusion of the audit for fiscal year 2012-13. Davis, Kinard & Co., P.C. has performed the audit of the City for the last twenty-six years consecutively.

City staff solicited proposals from thirteen firms with the City receiving six proposals. Our evaluation process scored each firm based upon mandatory elements of the proposal, a technical score and a score for fee estimates. It was determined that five of the firms met all of the requirements of the proposal.

The request was for a five year engagement. It must be noted to Council that state law <u>forbids competitive</u> <u>bidding</u> as a means for selection of a certified public accountant. While all firms have submitted estimates of their fees, they cannot be bound by these estimates. However, each firm was asked to submit a <u>not to exceed</u> total fee, which traditionally has been the fee estimate.

Below are the five year fee estimates:

Davis, Kinard & Co., P.C.	\$415,000
BKD LLP	422,900
Weaver & Tidwell LLP	450,000
Becky Roberts, CPA	447,800
Pattillo, Brown & Hill, LLP	520,200

FUNDING/FISCAL IMPACT

Funds are available in the General Fund, Water and Sewer Fund, various other funds, and the federal and state grants for this agreement.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Council authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement with Davis, Kinard & Co., P.C. for audit services not to exceed the above estimates.

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