



February 28, 2022

Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Council
City of Warrensburg, Missouri

Dear Mayor and Council Members:

SUBJECT: Ordinance authorizing the city manager and city to execute a consulting services agreement with Hahn | O'Daniel for legislative and government relations services

and

Ordinance authorizing the city manager and city clerk to execute a cooperative agreement with Johnson County Economic Development Corporation

BACKGROUND:

Staff from the city and Johnson County Economic Development Corporation (JCEDC) have been discussing the importance of having their interests represented before the Missouri General Assembly and Executive Branch. The General Assembly and Executive Branch set budget priorities and make key policy decisions directly impacting the operational effectiveness and economic vitality of the community. It is imperative the City of Warrensburg has a presence and voice during the legislative session to share the vision, needs and concerns of the community with policy and decisions makers at the Capitol.

Staff recommends engaging Hahn | O'Daniel to provide legislative strategy and advocacy. Through a competitive Request for Proposals process, Hahn | O'Daniel demonstrated great experience and expertise towards helping the city and JCEDC navigate numerous policy issues related to economic development, workforce development, infrastructure, and veterans affairs. Additionally, the Governor has recommended a series of grant programs relating to community revitalization and economic development, and Hahn | O'Daniel is prepared to help the city and JCEDC prioritize needs and seek approval for funding projects that fit within these programs. The firm will also monitor legislation and provide weekly updates; develop and arrange testimony in committee meetings; establish and maintain working relationships with elected state and local officials, their staffs and state department liaisons; and identify, facilitate, and attend meetings with legislators, relevant state department, relevant boards and commissions, and other stakeholders.

The City is partnering with JCEDC through a cooperative agreement for legislative and government relations services. The services provided to the city by Hahn | O'Daniel will mutually benefit JCEDC. The strength of the community partnership and advocacy efforts will play a key role in capitalizing on funding opportunities available through the proposed grant programs for local tourism, infrastructure development, community revitalization, industrial site development, broadband, water and wastewater infrastructure, stormwater infrastructures, and road improvements.

STRATEGIC PLAN:

- Focus I: Investment in infrastructure
- Focus II: Community pride and interaction
- Focus III: Growth and development
- Focus IV: Regional draw
- Focus V: Employee morale and retention

FISCAL IMPACT:

The contract amount is \$66,000 with up to \$2,000 of expenses annually, from March 1, 2022 through February 28, 2023, with the option for two, one-year renewals. This would be paid for with American Rescue Plan Act funds.

RECOMMENDATION:

Pass ordinance.

Sincerely,

Danielle Dulin
City Manager

- Attachments: Hahn | O'Daniel proposal
Hahn | O'Daniel contract
Ordinance for consulting agreement
JCEDC cooperative agreement
Ordinance for cooperative agreement

BILL NO. _____

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH EMPIRE ELECTRIC SERVICES & TECHNOLOGIES FOR THE EAST/WEST WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT (WWTP) SCADA UPGRADE PROJECT, IN THE CITY OF WARRENSBURG, MISSOURI

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WARRENSBURG, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The City Manager and City Clerk are hereby authorized to execute an agreement with Empire Electric Services & Technologies, for the East / West WWTP SCADA Upgrade Project in the City of Warrensburg, Missouri.

Section 2. That this ordinance shall be in full force and effect after its passage by the City Council.

Passed in open session this 14th day of February 2022.

Scott Holmberg, Mayor

ATTEST:

Carey West, Acting City Clerk