



AGENDA ITEM #8.1

REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL

Report Prepared by: Jen Anderson, PLPD Office Manager

Date: June 4, 2019

Subject: Prosecuting Attorney Agreement

Report: In April of 2019, current City attorney, Matthew Mallie, was appointed as District Court Judge in Minnesota's Ninth Judicial District. In order to fulfill his duties in his new role, he will be closing his practice.

Effective June 1, 2019, attorneys Mark Severson and Kurt Porter of Severson Porter Law, have agreed to take over the existing Prosecution Agreement between the City of Pequot Lakes and Mallie Law Office at no cost increase. This law firm name change will be an amendment to the current Prosecution Agreement.

Council Action Requested: Council motion approving the law firm name change amendment to the 2019 Prosecution Agreement between the City of Pequot Lakes and Severson Porter Law.

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Subject: RE: Prosecuting Attorney Agreement

Hi, Chief Klang –

We are proceeding on a bit of faith that the volume must not be as time consuming as it would appear. For example, the monthly fee of the City in the amount of \$875 pays for approximately five hours of attorney time, even at Mr. Mallie's rate. To ease the transition of everyone involved, and if it is the wish of the Council, we are willing to assume Mr. Mallie's contract for the duration of 2019. That will allow time to more properly assess the reasonableness of the current contract and also allow the City to prepare for an RFP process if that is what the Council requires.

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