



City of Broken Arrow

Request for Action

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**Broken Arrow City Council
Meeting of: 7-16-2019**

Title:

Approval of and authorization to execute a Professional Services Agreement between the City of Broken Arrow and Wood, Puhl & Wood, P.L.L.C., for providing counsel and legal advice to the City of Broken Arrow and the Broken Arrow Police Department relative to the case of Wilson v. City of Broken Arrow, et al. Case No. CJ-2017-1521, risk management and the defense of civil cases filed against the City and member of the Police Department

Background:

Scott B. Wood with the law firm of Wood, Puhl & Wood, and P.L.L.C is a well respected attorney with vast knowledge and experience involving civil cases involving the Police Department and Risk Management. The City Attorney's office is recommending that the Council engage this firm to provide Counsel and legal advice. The City Attorney is recommending retention of this firm due to the press of business and the firm's expertise.

The attached Professional Services Agreement memorializes retention of the firm, costs and the hourly rates to be charged. The firm charges \$250.00 per hour maximum for Scott B. Wood, Attorney at law, \$185.00 per hour maximum for Associates and \$90.00 per hour maximum for Paralegals. Routine costs such as copying and postage are addressed in the Agreement. Costs and fees for this matter are capped at \$50,000.00 and it will expire on June 30, 2020, if the case(s) are not finalized by that time.

Cost: Not to exceed \$50,000.00

Funding Source: General Fund General Government

Requested By: Trevor Dennis, City Attorney

Approved By: City Manager's Office

Attachments: Professional Services Agreement

Recommendation:

Approve the Professional Services Agreement with Wood, Puhl & Wood, P.L.L.C and authorize its execution.