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Agenda Item

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Mark Gaugh, City Manager

DATE: March 5, 2018

RE: Ordinance/Agreement for Audit Services

Issues

The City's three-year agreement with its auditing firm, Hochschild, Bloom & Company, LLP has ended with the most recent audit. They have submitted a three-year extension that reflects a cost-of-living adjustment of about 2%. We used our previous auditing firm, Westbrook for nine years before changing. It may be good practice to change every 10 years or so unless cost becomes an issue. Hochschild's proposal has been reviewed by staff and our part-time accountant, Jim Shrimpton. Since the cost to retain Hochschild, Bloom & Company is not excessive, staff recommends approving a three-year extension. Their fees for the City's basic audit for each of the years ending September 30, 2018, 2019, and 2020 will be $28,450, $29,020, and $29,600, respectively. An additional fee for the TIF related procedures will be $2,280 each year.

Recommendation

Staff recommends that the ordinance for an audit services agreement with Hochschild, Bloom & Company, LLP be approved.

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AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF AN ENGAGEMENT LETTER ESTABLISHING HOCHSCHILD, BLOOM & COMPANY LLP AS THE CITY OF CAMERON, CLINTON, DeKALB AND CALDWELL COUNTIES, MISSOURI AUDITOR FOR THREE (3) CONSECUTIVE YEARS

WHEREAS, in 2015, the City of Cameron has solicited proposals from Certified Public Accountants to provide independent audit services for the past three years, and selected Hochschild, Bloom & Company to do the audits; and

WHEREAS¸ the three-year term has expired, and an extension was offered by Hochschild, Bloom & Company LLP for an amount reflecting the cost-of-living at approximately 2%.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CAMERON, CLINTON, DeKALB AND CALDWELL COUNTIES, MISSOURI AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Mayor is hereby authorized to accept the engagement letter with Hochschild, Bloom & Company LLP for performing services as the City's auditor for the next three years. A copy of the letter is attached hereto, and incorporated herein by this reference.

Section 2. The City Clerk is hereby directed to attest to the Mayor's signature.

Passed and approved on first reading this 5th day of March 2018.

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Mayor Darlene Breckenridge

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

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