

FACT SHEET**CITY OF SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA****TITLE**

Authorizing the employment of legal counsel to represent the City of Shreveport, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

DATE

February 16, 2022

ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT

Office of the City Attorney

COUNCIL DISTRICT**SPONSOR****PURPOSE**

To authorize the Mayor to execute a retainer agreement with J. Marshall Jones, Jr., Attorney at Law, with J. Marshall Jones Law Corporation, to provide legal advice, counsel, and representation to the City of Shreveport ("City") on a contingency basis, on matters involving water and sewer related to initiating an action of recovery under the 2007-2017 contract with Pratt Paper (LA), LLC ("Pratt"), and other matters concerning litigation.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The City desires to retain the services of J. Marshall Jones, Jr., to provide legal advice, counsel, and representation to the City on matters related to water and sewer throughout this agreement.

The law firm will be compensated 25% of the gross proceeds of recovery by settlement or judgment solely for claims arising from Water & Sewerage sums due the City under the 2007-2017 City-Pratt contract for the water and sewer undercharges to Pratt.

TIMETABLE

Introduction: February 22, 2022

Final Passage: March 8, 2022

ATTACHMENT(S)**SPECIAL PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS**

None

FINANCES

NA

SOURCE OF FUNDS

NA

ALTERNATIVES

(1) Adopt the resolution as submitted, or (2) Amend the resolution, or (3) Reject the resolution.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Council adopt the resolution.

FACT SHEET PREPARED BY:

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RESOLUTION NO. _____ OF 2022

AUTHORIZING THE EMPLOYMENT OF LEGAL COUNSEL TO REPRESENT THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

BY COUNCILMEMBER:

WHEREAS, the City of Shreveport (“City”) is involved in matters related to water and sewerage; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to retain J. Marshall Jones, Jr., Attorney at Law, to provide legal advice, counsel and representation in connection with matters related to water and sewerage involving sums due to the city under the 2007-2017 City-Pratt contract, and other matters concerning litigation; and

WHEREAS, the Office of the City Attorney recommends that the law firm be retained for this purpose, pursuant to Section 8.03 of the City Charter.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, in due, regular and legal session convened that the Mayor be and he is hereby authorized to execute, for and on behalf of the City of Shreveport, a retainer agreement with J. Marshall Jones, Jr., Attorney at Law, to provide legal representation, counsel, and advice to the City of Shreveport in connection with water and sewer matters.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if any provision or item of this resolution or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or application of this resolution which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications, and to this end, the provisions of this resolution are hereby declared to be severable.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:

City Attorney’s Office