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AGREEMENT REGARDING PROCESSING AND PAYMENT OF LAW FIRM INVOICES

THIS Agreement Regarding Processing and Payment of Law Firm Invoices (Agreement) is made and entered into effective the 12th day of October 2021, by and between James R. Fouts, the Mayor of Warren, and the Warren City Council (collectively, the Parties or City Officers).

RECITALS

WHEREAS, a dispute exists between the parties regarding the processing and payment of law firm invoices; and

WHEREAS, Doster Law Offices, PLLC has filed a lawsuit in Macomb County Circuit Court in Case No. 2021-001925-CK as a result of nonpayment of invoices submitted for work performed for Warren City Clerk Sonja Buffa; and

WHEREAS, Doster Law Offices made an offer of judgment to accept a reduced amount of \$25,000 to resolve the matter; and

WHEREAS, the law firm representing the City Council, Plunkett Cooney PC, has submitted invoices for services rendered to the Council that remain unpaid; and

WHEREAS, other law firms have pending invoices that are subject to review and payment by the City of Warren; and

WHEREAS, the parties want to avoid further litigation, disagreement, and expense and wish to resolve this matter expeditiously.

AGREEMENT

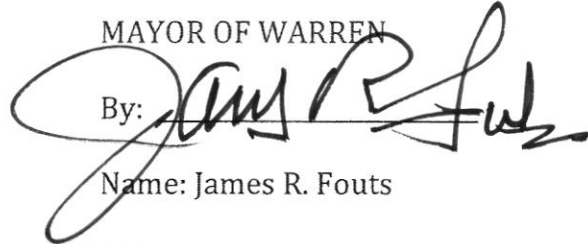
1. The parties agree to approve settlement of the Doster Law Offices, PLLC matter in Case No. 2021-001925-CK in the amount of \$25,000.00.
2. The parties agree that outstanding invoices to Plunkett Cooney PC shall be paid forthwith and that future invoices approved by council shall be paid forthwith provided that the invoices are submitted in compliance with paragraph 2 of the order of the Macomb County Circuit Court Case No. 2020-002349-AW entered on January 13, 2021 (**EXHIBIT A**)
3. The parties agree that invoices for any law firm contracted by the parties shall be paid and approved forthwith provided that such invoices are submitted to the other party in compliance with paragraph 2 of the order of the Macomb County Circuit Court Case No. 2020-002349-AW entered on January 13, 2021. Upon such submission, the Controller shall be authorized to remit payment upon such invoices.
4. The parties agree that city officers may hire special legal counsel relating to the affairs of the city provided that such employment or retainer is necessary for the discharge of their responsibilities, and invoices are submitted in accordance with section 2 of the January 13 Order.

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- 5. This Agreement shall remain in effect through the end of the current term of office for the Mayor and City Council, except that payment will be made after the term if the services were incurred prior to the expiration of the term.
- 6. This Agreement is subject to the approval of the City Council and the Council Secretary agrees to place this item on the agenda of the next Regular Meeting of City Council scheduled for October 12, 2021. The City Council reserves the right to call a special meeting before October 12, 2021 to approve this agreement.


IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have executed this Agreement the day and year indicated.

MAYOR OF WARREN

By: 

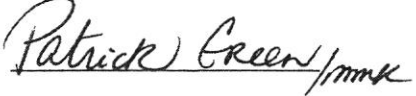
Name: James R. Fouts

CLERK OF WARREN

By: 

Name: Sonja Buffa

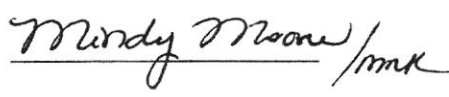
WARREN CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT

By: 

Name: Patrick Green

Title: President

WARREN CITY COUNCIL SECRETARY

By: 

Name: Mindy Moore

Title: Secretary