

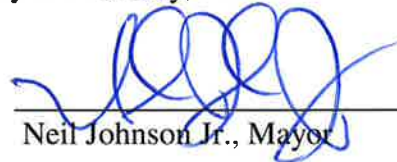
**RESOLUTION NO. 2813**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BONNEY LAKE, PIERCE COUNTY, WASHINGTON, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN AN AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT FOR LEGAL SERVICES WITH PORTER FOSTER RORICK, LLP.**

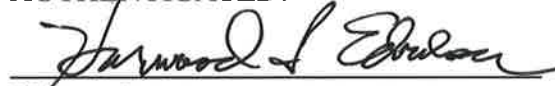
**WHEREAS**, the City Council finds it desirable to amend the legal services agreement with the legal firm serving as the City Attorney;

**NOW THEREFORE**, the City Council of the City of Bonney Lake, Washington hereby resolves that the Mayor is authorized to sign an amendment to the Agreement between the City of Bonney Lake and Porter Foster Rorick, LLP for legal services, attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference.


**PASSED** by the City Council this 11th day of February, 2020.

  
Neil Johnson Jr., Mayor

**AUTHENTICATED:**

  
Harwood T. Edvalson, City Clerk

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

  
Kathleen Haggard, City Attorney

City of Bonney Lake, Washington  
**City Council Agenda Bill (AB)**

<b>Department/Staff Contact:</b> Executive / John P. Vodopich, AICP	<b>Meeting/Workshop Date:</b> 11 February 2020	<b>Agenda Bill Number:</b> AB20-13
<b>Agenda Item Type:</b> Resolution	<b>Ordinance/Resolution Number:</b> 2813	<b>Sponsor:</b>

**Agenda Subject:** Amendment To The Agreement For Legal Services With Porter Foster Rorick, LLP

**Full Title/Motion:** A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Bonney Lake, Pierce County, Washington, Authorizing The Mayor To Sign An Amendment To The Agreement For Legal Services With Porter Foster Rorick, Llp.

**Administrative Recommendation:** Approve

**Background Summary:** The law firm of Porter Foster Rorick has provided legal services to the City of Bonney Lake for 20 years. Legal services have historically been billed on a retainer basis, under which the City pays a flat fee for a set number of hours. The current contract, executed in 2014, provides for up to 75 hours per month of legal services at a flat rate of \$11,625 per month, with hours in excess of 75 billed at \$215/hour. Fortunately, the City has not needed a significant volume of legal services over the past few years. As a result, in many months the City does not use the full 75 hours, and in some months, usage is far below 75 hours. A transition to a straight hourly billing rate, in lieu of a retainer, would better fit the needs of both parties at this time.

**Attachments:** Resolution 2813

**BUDGET INFORMATION**

<b>Budget Amount</b>	<b>Current Balance</b>	<b>Required Expenditure</b>	<b>Budget Balance</b>	<b>Fund Source</b>
\$175,000	\$175,000	TBD		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> General <input type="checkbox"/> Utilities <input type="checkbox"/> Other

**Budget Explanation:** 001.000.015.515.41.41.10 Legal Services

**COMMITTEE, BOARD & COMMISSION REVIEW**

<b>Council Committee Review:</b>	Finance Committee	<i>Approvals:</i>		<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
	Date: 1/28/2020	Chair/Councilmember	Justin Evans	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Councilmember	Tom Watson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Councilmember	Terry Carter	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Forward to: 2/11/2020	<b>Consent Agenda:</b>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

**Commission/Board Review:**

**Hearing Examiner Review:**

**COUNCIL ACTION**

Workshop Date(s):	Public Hearing Date(s):
Meeting Date(s): February 11, 2020	Tabled to Date:

**APPROVALS**

<b>Director:</b> JPV	<b>Mayor:</b> NJJ	<b>Date Reviewed by City Attorney:</b> (if applicable)
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## AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT FOR LEGAL SERVICES

For the purpose of providing legal services and in consideration of the following mutual promises and conditions, the law firm of Porter Foster Rorick LLP and the City of Bonney Lake hereby agree to amend the current contract relationship dated June 24, 2014, by replacing the current section 2 of that contract to read as follows and to begin in effect as of March 1, 2020:

2. Attorney services shall be billed at the regular hourly rate of the attorney providing the service. Current hourly rates are \$275/hour (partner) and \$200/hour (associate).

DATED this 11<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2020.

PORTER FOSTER RORICK, LLP

  
Kathleen Haggard

CITY OF BONNEY LAKE

  
Neil Johnson, Jr., Mayor