



**Issue:** A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NIXA AMENDING THE CONTRACT WITH DECKER & DEGOOD, P.C. FOR AUDITING SERVICES.

**Date:** February 8, 2022

**Submitted By:** Jennifer Evans, Director of Finance

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### **Background**

At the January 24, 2022 Council meeting, a Resolution was passed allowing the City Administrator to enter into a contract with Decker & DeGood, P.C for auditing services. After receiving the contract for signature, the firm asked for an amendment to section 14 regarding the limits to professional liability insurance. They have asked that the requirement be reduced to \$2 million from \$5 million.

### **Analysis**

The contract was presented to the Auditing firm for review prior to the January 24<sup>th</sup> meeting; however, this particular section was overlooked. \$2 million is a reasonable amount of professional liability coverage and is what the firm currently carries.

### **Recommendation**

Staff recommends the passage of this resolution.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2022-024**

1 **A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NIXA REPEALING**  
2 **RESOLUTION 2022-017 AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO**  
3 **EXECUTE A NEW CONTRACT WITH DECKER & DEGOOD, P.C. FOR AUDITING**  
4 **SERVICES.**

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7 **WHEREAS** City Charter section 3.10 requires the Council to provide for an  
8 independent audit of the City at least once a year; and

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10 **WHEREAS** the City Council desires to engage Decker & DeGood, P.C. to provide  
11 such an audit; and

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13 **WHEREAS** the City Council previously approved Resolution 2022-017 at its  
14 January 24, 2022, regular meeting; and

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16 **WHEREAS** said Resolution authorized the execution of a certain contract with  
17 Decker & DeGood, P.C. for auditing services; and

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19 **WHEREAS** after Council's authorization was granted, Decker & DeGood indicated  
20 that they could not comply with the insurance requirements of the Contract as authorized  
21 by Council; and

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23 **WHEREAS** Council desires to repeal Resolution 2022-017 and authorize the  
24 execution of a new contract with insurance terms requested by Decker & DeGood.

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26 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF**  
27 **NIXA, AS FOLLOWS, THAT:**

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29 **SECTION 1:** Resolution 2022-017 is hereby repealed and of no further effect. The  
30 authorization to execute the contract referenced in said Resolution is hereby rescinded.

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32 **SECTION 2:** The City Administrator, or designee, is hereby authorized to enter  
33 into the "Services Contract" ("Contract") attached hereto, and incorporated herein by this  
34 reference, as "Resolution Exhibit A," with Decker & DeGood, P.C. Said Contract shall be  
35 in substantially similar form as the document attached hereto as "Resolution Exhibit A."  
36 The City Administrator and the officers of the City are hereby authorized to do all things  
37 necessary or convenient to carry out the terms and intent of this Resolution.

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39 **SECTION 3:** This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its final  
40 passage by the City Council and after its approval by the Mayor, subject to the provisions  
41 of section 3.11(g) of the City Charter.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 2022-024**

47 **ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL THIS 14<sup>th</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY 2022.**

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50 ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK

\_\_\_\_\_ PRESIDING OFFICER

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56 **APPROVED BY THE MAYOR.**

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CITY CLERK

\_\_\_\_\_ MAYOR

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65 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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CITY ATTORNEY

\_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF APPROVAL

**RESOLUTION EXHIBIT A**

<b>ROUTE ORDER:</b> Contractor signs, route to City Clerk, City Admin signs two originals, Clerk adds date, City Attorney signs, return one original by mail to Organization and City Clerk retains one original.		
<b>EFFECTIVE DATE:</b>	<b>TERMINATION DATE:</b>	<b>CONTRACT NUMBER:</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>NEW CONTRACT</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>RENEWAL OF CONTRACT NO.</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Addendum No. ___</b>		
<b>City</b>	<b>Contractor</b>	
Name: City of Nixa, Missouri Address: 715 W. Mt. Vernon St., PO Box 395 Nixa, MO 65714 Phone: 417.725.3785 FAX: Attn: Jennifer Evans    Dept: Finance	Name: Decker & DeGood, P.C. Address: 3259A E. Sunshine, Springfield, MO 65804 Phone: 417-887-1888 FAX: Attn: Marshall Decker	

**SERVICES CONTRACT**

**THIS SERVICES CONTRACT** ("Contract") is made and entered into upon its execution by the parties identified above.

**WHEREAS** the City desires to engage Contractor to perform such services under the terms and conditions of this Contract; and

**WHEREAS** contractor desires to perform such services under the terms and conditions of this Contract.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, for the considerations herein expressed, it is mutually agreed by and between the City and the Contractor as follows:

- 1. Services.** The City agrees to engage the services of the Contractor and the Contractor agrees to perform said Services in accordance with the standard of care, skill, and expertise ordinarily used by other members of Contractor's profession in performing similar services. The Services are more fully described in Exhibit A, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference. Contractor shall furnish all supervision, labor, tools, equipment, materials, and supplies necessary to perform the Services at Contractor's own expense in accordance with the contract documents, any applicable City ordinances, and any applicable state or federal laws within 280 calendar days from the date Contractor is ordered to proceed, which order shall be issued by the City Administrator within 30 days after the date of execution of this Contract.
- 2. Addition to Services.** The City may add to the Contractor's services or delete therefrom services, provided that the total cost of such work does not exceed the total cost authorized herein. The Contractor shall undertake such changed activities only upon the written direction of the City. All such directives and changes shall be in written form and shall be accepted and countersigned by the Contractor, whose acceptance shall not be unreasonably withheld.
- 3. Exchange of Data.** All information, data, and reports in the City's possession and necessary for the carrying out of the Services, shall be furnished to the Contractor without charge, and the parties shall cooperate with each other in every possible way in the carrying out of the Services.

**4. Personnel.** The Contractor represents that Contractor shall secure at Contractor's own expense; all personnel required to perform the services called for under this Contract by Contractor. Such personnel shall not be employed by or have any contractual relationship with the City except as employees of the Contractor. All of the services required hereunder shall be performed by the Contractor or under Contractor's direct supervision and all personnel engaged in the work shall be fully qualified and shall be authorized under state and local law to perform such services. None of the work or services covered by this contract shall be subcontracted without the prior written approval of the City.

**5. Term.** This Contract shall terminate on 10-31-2022

**6. Payment.**

**a. Conditioned on acceptable performance.** Provided that Contractor performs the services in the manner set forth herein, the City shall pay the Contractor in accordance with the rate set forth in Exhibit B, which shall constitute full and complete compensation for the Contractor's work provided. No partial payment to the Contractor shall operate as approval of acceptance of work done. Such compensation shall be paid in progress payments, as established by the City, subject to receipt of a requisition for payment and a statement of work provided by the Contractor and Contract by both the City and the Contractor that the Contractor has fully performed the work to be paid for in such progress payments in conformance with the contract.

**b. Total compensation not to exceed.** It is expressly understood that in no event shall the total compensation or reimbursement to be paid to the Contractor under the terms of this Contract exceed the sum of **\$19,750.00**

**7. Termination.**

**a. Termination for breach.** Failure of Contractor to fulfill Contractor's obligations under this Contract in a timely and satisfactory manner in accordance with the terms of this Contract shall constitute a breach of the Contract, and the City shall thereupon have the right to immediately terminate the Contract. The City shall give written notice of termination to the Contractor. In the event of any litigation arising from breach of this Contract, the City shall be entitled to recover from the Contractor all reasonable costs incurred for such litigation, including staff time, court costs, attorney fees, and all other related expenses incurred in such litigation.

**b. Termination for Convenience.** Either party shall have the right at any time upon 90 days' written notice to the other to terminate and cancel this Contract, without cause, for convenience. In such event final payment to the Contractor shall be limited to services provided by the Contractor as of the effective date of said termination.

**c. Documents, reports, and data to be provided to City.** In the event of termination, all finished or unfinished documents, data, studies, surveys, drawings, maps, models, photographs, and reports or other materials prepared by the Contractor related to this Contract shall, at the option of the City, become the property of the City, and the Contractor shall be entitled to receive just and equitable compensation for any satisfactory work completed on such documents and other materials; provided, that the Contractor shall not be relieved of liability to the City for any damages sustained by the City by virtue of any breach of the Contract by the Contractor.

**8. City's Right to Proceed.** In the event this Contract is terminated, the City may take over the work and prosecute the same to completion, by contract or otherwise, and Contractor and its sureties

shall be liable to the City for any costs over the amount of this Contract thereby occasioned by the City. In any such case, the City may take possession of, and utilize in completing the work, such materials, appliances and structures as may be on the work site and are necessary for completion of the work. The foregoing provisions are in addition to, and not in limitation of, the rights of the City under any other provisions of the contract, city ordinances, and state and federal laws.

**9. Confidentiality.** Any reports, data, or similar information given to, prepared or assembled by the Contractor under this Contract shall be considered the property of the City and shall not be made available to any individual or organization by the Contractor without prior written approval of the City.

**10. Conflict of Interest.** Contractor certifies that no member or officer of its firm or corporation is an officer or employee of the City of Nixa, Missouri, or any of its boards or agencies, and further that no officer or employee of the City has any financial interest in this contract which would violate any applicable federal regulations or the provisions of RSMo Section 105.450 et seq.

**11. Assignment.** The Contractor shall not assign any interest in this Contract and shall not transfer any interest in the same (whether by assignment or novation), without prior written consent of the City, provided, however, that claims for money due or to become due to the Contractor from the City under this Contract may be assigned to a bank, trust company, or other financial institution without such approval. Notice of such assignment or transfer shall be furnished in writing promptly to the City and the bond surety. Any such assignment is expressly subject to all rights and remedies of the City under this Contract, including the right to change or delete activities from the Contract or to terminate the same as provided herein, and no such assignment shall require the City to give any notice to any such assignee of any actions which the City may take under this Contract.

**12. Nondiscrimination.** The Contractor agrees in the performance of this contract not to discriminate on the ground or because of race, creed, color, national origin or ancestry, sex, religion, handicap, age, status as a protected veteran or status as a qualified individual with a disability, or political opinion or affiliation, against any employee of Contractor or applicant for employment and shall include a similar provision in all subcontracts let or awarded hereunder. The parties hereby incorporate the requirements of 41 C.F.R. §§ 60-1.4(a)(7), 29 C.F.R. Part 471, Appendix A to Subpart A, 41 C.F.R. § 60-300.5(a) and 41 C.F.R. § 60-741.5(a), if applicable.

a. This Contractor and subcontractor shall abide by the requirements of 41 C.F.R. § 60-300.5(a). This regulation prohibits discriminations against qualified protected veterans, and requires affirmative action by covered prime contractors and subcontractors to employ and advance in employment qualified protected veterans.

b. This Contractor and subcontractor shall abide by the requirements of 41 C.F.R. § 60-741.5(a). This regulation prohibits discrimination against qualified individuals on the basis of disability and requires affirmative action by covered prime Contractors and subcontractors to employ and advance in employment qualified individuals with disabilities.

**13. Occupational License.** The Contractor shall obtain and maintain an occupational license or business registration with the City of Nixa, Missouri, if required by city code and any required state or federal requirement. The cost for this occupational license shall be borne by the Contractor. No contract will be executed by the City until this occupational license has been obtained.

**14. Insurance Requirements.** Without limiting any of the other obligations or liabilities of the Contractor, the Contractor shall secure and maintain at its own cost and expense, throughout the duration of this Contract and until the work is completed and accepted by the City, professional liability

insurance with limits of not less than Two Million Dollars and shall provide the City with an insurance certificate of such coverage. City shall be named as an additional insured on such policy.

**15. General Independent Contractor Clause.** This Contract does not create an employee/employer relationship between the parties. It is the parties' intention that the Contractor shall be an independent contractor and not the City's employee for all purposes, including, but not limited to, the application of the Fair Labor Standards Act, minimum wage and overtime payments, Federal Insurance Contribution Act, the Social Security Act, the Federal Unemployment Tax Act, the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code, Missouri revenue and taxation laws, Missouri workers' compensation, and unemployment insurance laws. The Contractor shall retain sole and absolute discretion as to the judgment and manner and means of carrying out the Contractor's activities and responsibilities hereunder. The Contractor agrees that it is a separate and independent enterprise from the public employer, that it has a full opportunity to find other business, that it has made its own investment in its business, and that it will utilize a high level of skill necessary to perform the work. This Contract shall not be construed as creating any joint employment relationship between the Contractor and the City, and the City shall not be liable for any obligation incurred by the Contractor, including but not limited to unpaid minimum wages and/or overtime premiums.

**16. Liability and Indemnity.**

a. In no event shall the City be liable to the Contractor for special, indirect, or consequential damages, except those caused by the City's gross negligence or willful or wanton misconduct arising out of or in any way connected with a breach of this contract. The maximum liability of the City shall be limited to the amount of money to be paid or received by the Contractor under this contract.

b. The Contractor shall defend, indemnify and save harmless the City, its elected or appointed officials, agents and employees from and against any and all liability, suits, damages, costs (including attorney fees), losses, outlays and expenses from claims in any manner caused by, or allegedly caused by, or arising out of, or connected with, this contract, or the work or any subcontract thereunder (the Contractor hereby assuming full responsibility for relations with subcontractors), including, but not limited to, claims for personal injuries, death, property damage, or for damages from the award of this contract to Contractor, notwithstanding any possible negligence, whether sole or concurrent, on the part of the City, its officials, agents and employees.

c. The Contractor shall indemnify and hold the City harmless from all wages or overtime compensation due any employees in rendering services pursuant to this Contract or any subcontract, including payment of reasonable attorneys' fees and costs in the defense of any claim made under the Fair Labor Standards Act, the Missouri Prevailing Wage Law or any other federal or state law.

d. The indemnification obligations of Contractor hereunder shall not be limited by any limitations as to the amount or type of damages, compensation or benefits payable by or for the Contractor, under any federal or state law, to any person asserting the claim against City, its elected or appointed officials, agents, and employees, for which indemnification is sought.

e. The indemnification obligations herein shall not negate, abridge or reduce in any way any additional indemnification rights of the City, its elected or appointed officials, agents and employees, which are otherwise available under statute, or in law or equity.

f. Contractor affirms that it has had the opportunity to recover the costs of the liability insurance required in this Contract in its contract price. Contractor's obligation under this Contract to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless any person from that person's own negligence or wrongdoing is limited to the coverage and limits of the applicable insurance required of the Contractor under this Contract.

**17. Contract Documents.** The entire Contract of the parties shall consist of the following documents:

- a. This Contract document
- b. Letter of Engagement (Exhibit A)
- c. Fee Schedule (Exhibit B)

The above listed documents are attached hereto and incorporated by their reference herein as though fully set forth herein. No modification, amendment, or waiver of any of the provisions of this Contract shall be effective unless in writing specifically referring hereto and signed by both parties. In the event of a conflict between the provisions of the contract documents, the provisions of this Contract document shall control against the provisions of the Exhibits.

**18. Nonresident/Foreign Contractors.** The Contractor shall procure and maintain during the life of this Contract:

- a. If the Contractor is a foreign corporation, a certificate of authority to transact business in the State of Missouri from the Secretary of State, unless exempt pursuant to the provisions of Section 351.570 RSMo.
- b. A certificate from the Missouri Director of Revenue evidencing compliance with the transient employer financial assurance law, unless exempt pursuant to the provisions of Section 285.230 RSMo.

**19. Notices.** All notices required or permitted hereinunder and required to be in writing may be given by Electronic Mail or by first class mail addressed to City and Contractor at the addresses shown above. The date of delivery of any notice given by mail shall be the date falling on the second full day after the day of its mailing. The date of delivery of notice by Electronic Mail transmission shall be deemed to be the date transmission occurs, except where the transmission is not completed by 5:00 p.m. on a regular business day at the terminal of the receiving party, in which case the date of delivery shall be deemed to fall on the next regular business day for the receiving party.

**20. Compliance with Laws.** Contractor agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws or rules and regulations applicable to the provision of services and products hereunder. Contractor affirmatively states that payment of all local, state, and federal taxes and assessments owed by Contractor is current.

**21. City Benefits.** The Contractor shall not be entitled to any of the benefits established for the employees of the City nor be covered by the Worker's Compensation Program of the City.

**22. Jurisdiction.** This Contract and every question arising hereunder shall be construed or determined according to the laws of the State of Missouri. Should any part of this Contract be litigated, venue shall be proper only in the Circuit Court of Christian County, Missouri.

**23. Affidavit for Contracts Over \$5,000.00.** That pursuant to Missouri Revised Statute Sections

285.525 through 285.550, if this contract exceeds the amount of \$5,000.00 and Contractor is associated with a business entity, Contractor shall provide an acceptable notarized affidavit stating that the associated business entity is enrolled in and participates in a federal work authorization program with respect to the employees working in connection with the contracted services, and that said business entity does not knowingly employ any person who is an unauthorized alien in connection with the contracted services. Additionally, Contractor must provide documentation for said business entity evidencing current enrollment in a federal work authorization program.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the parties have set their hands on the day and year herein stated.

**CITY OF NIXA**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jimmy Liles, City Administrator

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved as to form:

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Nick Woodman, City Attorney

**DECKER & DEGOOD, P.C.**

By: Marshall Decker  
Partner

Name: Marshall Decker

Title: Partner

Date: 2/8/22