

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the City's current financial auditing services agreement with Hawkins Ash CPA's expires with the audit for the year ended December 31, 2012; and

WHEREAS, a five (5) year financial auditing services request for proposals (RFP) was issued by the City of La Crosse to 22 Certified Public Accounting /Auditing firms and four responses were received; and

WHEREAS, all proposals received were evaluated based on two parts. First, on "Technical" criteria which included the following areas: experience and qualifications, quality of financial auditing services, additional services, and references; and secondly on "Pricing", and

WHEREAS, the proposal submitted by Hawkins Ash CPAs, LLP was selected by the evaluation group based on the evaluation criteria and recommended for a four (4) year agreement with the option of 2 additional one year agreements at the City's sole discretion.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of La Crosse that it hereby approves the attached Financial Auditing Services Agreement with Hawkins Ash CPAs, LLP for a four (4) year agreement for the years ending December 31, 2013-December 31, 2016 with the option of 2 additional one year agreements at the City's sole discretion.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that associated costs be included in the appropriate annual operating budgets.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Clerk are authorized to sign said Financial Auditing Services Agreement on behalf of the City.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of Finance/Treasurer is hereby authorized to take any and all steps necessary to effectuate this resolution.