

To: **Mayor and City Council**
Through: **Ryan Schroeder, City Manager**
From: **Shirley Buecksler, City Clerk**
Date: **January 13, 2020**

Designation of Official City Newspaper for 2020

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The City of West St. Paul received two proposals to provide legal notice services for 2020. Proposals from the Twin Cities Pioneer Press and the Star Tribune are attached for Council review.

With the closing of Lillie Suburban Newspapers, Inc. (South-West Review) in October 2019, Staff contacted both the Star Tribune and the Pioneer Press for quotes at that time. The Pioneer Press came in much lower and, therefore, was declared as the City's official newspaper for the remainder of 2019. Staff have been very satisfied with the Pioneer Press' performance over the past three months. Their staff has done a great job of making sure our notices are correct and properly published.

Quotes received for 2020 are attached and are as follows:

Star Tribune:	\$1.31 per line
Pioneer Press:	\$0.43 per line

Staff is recommending that the Twin Cities Pioneer Press continue to be the City's official newspaper for 2020.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Legal publication notice rates are outlined in the attached letter from the Twin Cities Pioneer Press. There is no increase from their current rate.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends designating the Twin Cities Pioneer Press as the official legal newspaper for the City of West St. Paul for legal notices and publications throughout 2020.