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## **NOTICE OF A PUBLIC MEETING**

**LAW FIRM OF LINEBARGER GOGGAN BLAIR & SAMPSON, LLP**

**TUESDAY, JULY 9, 2024**

**6:00 P.M.**

**CITY HALL CHAMBER**

**13222 HIGHWAY 6**

**ARCOLA, TEXAS 77583**

**PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that a meeting of the City of Arcola City Council will be held on July 9, 2024 at City of Arcola City Hall, Room 124; 13222 Highway 6, Arcola, Texas 77583, for the purpose of considering and taking action on all matters on the agenda for the meeting, including approval of an agreement with the law firm of Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP as special counsel to perform all legal services necessary to collect unpaid fines, fees and court costs as provided in Tx Code of Criminal Procedure Art. 103.0031 and authorizing the execution of such agreement.

The agreement to be considered is necessary for the unpaid fines, fees and court costs owed to the City of Arcola to be collected in the most effective manner. The City of Arcola desires that such unpaid fines, fees and court costs be collected as provided in the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure.

The Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP firm is fully qualified to provide this representation, being the largest law firm specializing in the collection of governmental receivables in the State of Texas, as well as the United States, and having been engaged in this specialized legal service for more than 40 years. In addition, the Linebarger Goggan Blair and Sampson, LLP firm possesses infrastructure and technology, such as call center technology, that The City of Arcola does not currently possess.

Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP has represented the City of Arcola with competence and professionalism in the collection of unpaid fines, fees and court costs.

The specialized legal services required by this agreement cannot be adequately performed by the attorneys and supporting personnel of the City of Arcola due to the high cost of implementing the appropriate infrastructure and technology and employing sufficient in-house attorneys and staff with the level of experience and competence necessary to perform these activities.

Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP will be compensated on a contingent fee basis as provided in Tx Code of Criminal Procedure Art. 103.0031. This Article specifically provides for an additional collection fee, in the amount of 30 percent, in certain cases to compensate collection attorneys. A contract to pay inside or outside attorneys on an hourly basis would represent an additional cost to the City of Arcola.

Entering into the proposed agreement is in the best interests of the residents of the City of Arcola because the unpaid fines, fees and court costs will be professionally and competently collected without the additional costs to the City of Arcola of implementing infrastructure and technology and employing in-house personnel or paying outside counsel on an hourly fee basis, which would otherwise be required.



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**Ingrid Flornoy, City Secretary**

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE PUBLIC NOTICE OF MEETING was posted this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of July 2024 at 1:00 P.M. on the bulletin board in City Hall and on the City Website ([www.arcolatexas.org](http://www.arcolatexas.org)).