

CITY OF BLAINE
REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION
MEETING DATE:

SUBJECT: Confirm Appointment of Municipal Court Judge

SUBMITTING DEPT: City Manager

PREPARED BY: Gary Tomsic

AGENDA LOCATION: Comments/Communications ☐, Consent ☐ Committee Reports ☐,
Unfinished Business ☐, New Business ☒ Public Hearing ☐, Standing Committees ☐

ATTACHMENTS: None

SUMMARY/BACKGROUND: Ordinance No. 02-2509 sets for the manner in which Blaine shall select a judge for its municipal court. The ordinance states the qualification for the judge and that the City Manager shall recommend an appointment of City Judge to the City Council who shall confirm the appointment. The term of the appointment is 4 years and the appointment must be made on or before December 1 of the year next preceding the year in which the Term commences.

The current municipal judge contract expires on January 1, 2006.

The City Manager decided to open the position of Municipal Court Judge for expressions of interest to qualified applicants for the first time in sixteen years. The candidates were then interviewed by a panel. The City not only opened up the judges position, but also the prosecutor and public defender positions as well.

The City Manager appoints Micahel Bobbink as the municipal court judge for a four year term beginning January 1, 2007. Mr. Bobbink is currently serving as Blaine's municipal court judge and has done so for sixteen years. The panel interviewed to candidates and found Mr. Bobbink to be the most highly qualified for the position.

RECOMMENDATION: The City manager recommends that the Blaine City Council confirm the appointment of Michael Bobbink as municipal judge for the City of Blaine for a term of four years beginning on January 1, 2007.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

The judge has a separate employment contract. The City Manager is currently negotiating the new contract with the nominated judge. We hope to have it ready for discussion at the November 27 meeting.

REVIEWED BY: City Manager _____ Finance Dir. _____ City Clerk _____

COUNCIL ACTION:

☐ Approved ☐ Denied ☐ Tabled/Deferred ☐ Assigned to: _____

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