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TO: Personnel Committee
FROM: Eric G. Nycz, City Attorney
RE: City Attorney's Office Update – March 2026
DATE: March 23, 2026

In addition to drafting legislation and reviewing contracts as requested by City departments, the City Attorney's Office has worked on the following projects and initiatives since my last update dated February 25, 2026:

Environmental Remediation

- Lemberger Landfill: Work continues as planned. The City incurs quarterly remediation costs that are shared among several parties.
- Gravel Pit: Ned Witte continues as legal counsel. Watermain project continues. Cost recovery for 2024 is in progress.
- Mirro Plant No. 9: Godfrey Kahn and Ned Witte are legal counsel for cost recovery efforts pursuant to Wis. Stat. 292.33. Litigation is forthcoming.
- WPS Superfund Site: No update.

Open Records Requests

- Open Record Requests specific to Building Inspection, PD and Parks and Rec.

Litigation, Prosecution, and Neighborhood Improvement

- 88 Albert Drive – This mobile home park is amenable to working with the City to bring the park up to code. Significant work has been accomplished. The timeline is likely Spring.
- Multiple new raze order requests are moving forward.
- A bicycle accident lawsuit against the City is still in the pleading stage. CVMIC has assigned outside counsel to lead the defense.
- A small claims lawsuit was filed against the City/PD. We prepared an answer and motion to dismiss.

Economic Development

- CD Department's upcoming projects
    - Old Heresite property: 8 acres still available, the City has moved debris piles from the Gravel Pit to this site to accommodate the solar farm.
    - Olin/Winchester Option to Purchase: this option expires May 31, 2026 after extending the option last year.
    - Lakeshore Mall site: progress has been swift. All buildings are down, and infrastructure for the northern-most has begun. The regional stormwater pond is almost fully constructed.

Insurance/Risk Management

- Reviewed claims filed against the City, reported to and consulted with insurance (CVMIC) and Finance as appropriate.
- City needs to appoint a new ADA coordinator and issue new policies as appropriate.

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Labor Matters

- Assist unionized departments with personnel matters, as needed.
- The Police Union has requested that we begin negotiations for a contract that would commence January 1, 2027.
- Transit Union Grievance following termination of employee.

Office Matters/Additional Information

- Nothing of note at this time.

Monthly Reporting on Workload

- Numerous Requests for Legal Services received – this is the majority of the Attorney's workload. The Office, generally, is extremely busy.
- Traffic/ordinance prosecution continues to be pre-trialed and scheduled for trial if requested.
- Few requests to reopen this month.
- Trials scheduled into September 2026.
- Jury trials scheduled into March 2026.