

RESOLUTION NO. 22-01

AUTHORIZING THE PARTICIPATION IN OPIOID LITIGATION

WHEREAS, the opioid epidemic has caused suffering and harm to citizens of Platteville and caused monetary losses to the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Platteville as follows:

In consideration of the losses sustained by the City of Platteville in connection with the opioid epidemic, and after due consideration of options for recovering those losses, the City Council hereby authorizes the City of Platteville to join in a legal action against the insurers of certain opioid manufacturers and distributors who facilitated the production, distribution, and prescription of opioids in the state of Wisconsin. The City Council also authorizes the City of Platteville to serve as class representative in that action.

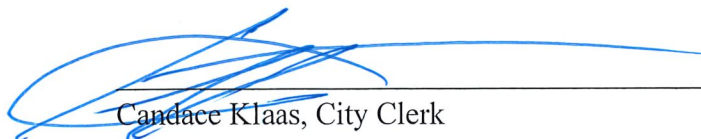
Furthermore, after consideration of potential law firms with relevant experience for the prosecution of this action, the City Council authorizes the retention of the following firms as counsel for the City of Platteville: Burns Bowen Bair LLP of Madison, Wisconsin; The Lanier Law Firm PC of Houston, Texas; Dicello Levitt Gutzler LLC of Chicago, Illinois; Dicello Levitt Gutzler LLC, of Mentor, Ohio; Axley Brynelson, LLP of Madison, Wisconsin; and Daniels & Tredennick of Houston, Texas. These firms are authorized to represent the City of Platteville as class representative on a contingency basis, with fees to be paid out of any recovery they obtain, and with any costs or expenses to be fronted by one or more of those firms pending recovery. The City Manager is authorized to negotiate a specific retention agreement with these firms consistent with this resolution.

PASSED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL on the 11th day of January 2022.

CITY OF PLATTEVILLE

Barb Daus, Council President

ATTEST:


Candace Klaas, City Clerk