



# CITY OF GEARHART

## Staff Report

For City Council Meeting - 10/1/2025

### ***Subject - Old Business - City Attorney Services RFP Update***

**Synopsis:** Beery, Elsner & Hammond, LLP (BEH) currently serve as Interim City Attorney. After issuing an RFP in July and reopening it in September, the City received only a single bid. Staff has conducted a pre-interview with that applicant, **Robert Luce**, and find him worthy of further consideration. I recommend that Council tentatively schedule a formal interview with Mr. Luce during the **October 30 work session**—assuming he is able to appear in person—but remain flexible on timing if adjustments are needed. This will allow Council deliberation and preparation for a decision in the November meeting, while preserving public transparency and legal compliance.

**Recommendation:** Staff recommends Council agree to formally interview the applicant with the intention of a decision at the November Council meeting.

**Legal Analysis:** Chad Jacobs with BEH is available to continue services until we have the right fit.

**Financial Analysis:** N/A

Respectfully Submitted,

Chad