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Members of the Common Council City of West Allis

## Dear Common Council Members:

Please note that the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel (West Allis NOW) responded five hours past the deadline to the City's bid request for the publication of legal notices and Council proceedings. The West Allis NOW has been the City's weekly source of publication of legal notices for many years with their owner, the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, being eligible as a qualified official newspaper in the City of West Allis.

According to state law, if no effective bid is received, the Council may direct the Clerk to readvertise. Also, if for any reason any city is at any time without an official city newspaper, matters required to be published shall be published in a newspaper eligible under s. 985.03, Wis. Stats., designated by the Council, at not more than the legal rate for like work.

My recommendation is to approve the bid and adopt the resolution based on the eligibility of the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel as a qualified newspaper, and that the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel was the sole responder.

Should the resolution accepting the bid of the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel not be adopted as a result of the late filing, the City Clerk's Office respectfully requests direction from the Common Council on how to proceed with regard to the bid for legal notice publication services and subsequent designation of an official city newspaper.

Sincerely,

Monica Schultz

City Clerk