



Board of Alderman Request for Action

MEETING DATE: 6/21/2022

DEPARTMENT: Administration

AGENDA ITEM: Approve Resolution 1082, Appointing John Creagar Alternate Prosecuting Attorney.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve Resolution 1082, appointing John Creagar as Alternate Prosecuting Attorney.

SUMMARY:

Mayor Boley nominates John Creagar to the position Alternate Prosecutor in accordance with Section 105.070.D of the Code of Ordinances. Mr. Creagar will serve as back up to the City appointed prosecuting attorney, Angela Ravkin, in the event she cannot attend a court date.

PREVIOUS ACTION:

Ms. Ravkin was appointed Alternate Prosecuting Attorney in 2019 and Prosecuting Attorney in 2021. The Alternate Prosecuting Attorney appointed in 2021 has resigned and a new Alternate is necessary.

POLICY ISSUE:

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

ATTACHMENTS:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance | <input type="checkbox"/> Contract |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Resolution | <input type="checkbox"/> Plans |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Engineer Recommendation | <input type="checkbox"/> Minutes |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: Letter of Recommendation
John Creagar Resume | |

RESOLUTION 1082

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING JOHN CREAGAR AS ALTERNATE PROSECUTING ATTORNEY.

WHEREAS, there is currently a vacancy in the position of Alternate Prosecuting Attorney; and

WHEREAS, from time to time, the City Prosecuting Attorney may need a back-up attorney to cover a Court docket; and

WHEREAS, based upon the recommendation of the current Prosecuting Attorney, a candidate has been identified to fill this role; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor will nominate John Creagar for the position of Alternate Prosecutor in accordance with Section 105.070.D of the Code of Ordinances;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF
THE CITY OF SMITHVILLE, MISSOURI:**

THAT John Creagar is hereby appointed as Alternate Prosecuting Attorney.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Aldermen and **APPROVED** by the Mayor of the City of Smithville, Missouri, the 21st day of June 2022.

Damien Boley, Mayor

ATTEST:

Linda Drummond, City Clerk

John M. Creagar

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EXPERIENCE

Clay County Prosecutor's Office

Assistant Prosecuting Attorney

Clay County, Missouri

Oct 2020 - Present

Prosecuted criminal and civil cases of failure to pay child support. Criminal prosecution with focus on sexually based crimes. Trial and trial prep for both jury and bench trials. Management of over 800 cases.

Creagar Law, LLC

Founder

Kansas City, Missouri

June 2018 - Oct 2020

Practice focused on Estate/Probate, Municipal/Criminal, Housing, and Guardian ad Litem work. Required time and task management skills. Litigation and negotiation abilities honed. Worked with local attorneys and prosecutors, but went to trial as needed. As GAL obtained first hand experience working with cases involving the welfare of children and protecting their best interests.

The Law Offices of Creagar & Thurmond

Founding Partner

Kansas City, Missouri

July 2015 – June 2018

Dean Jeffrey Thomas – UMKC School of Law

Missouri

Kansas City,

Research Assistant

Annual 2013 - Present

Focused on the study of case law and the trends/precedents set by the court. One hundred to one hundred and fifty cases reviewed and summarized annually.

Midwest Innocence Project Clinic

Legal Intern

Kansas City, Missouri

Spring 2014

Reviewed cases and trial records.

The Honorable Judge Kenneth Garrett III, Jackson County Circuit Court

Judicial Intern

Independence, Missouri

Fall 2013

BAR ADMISSION

Missouri, 2014

Kansas, 2015 - 2021

Kansas District Court, 2018

Missouri District Court, 2021

EDUCATION

University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law

Missouri

Kansas City,

Juris Doctor, May 2014

GPA: 3.060 / Class Rank: 49/150

Advocacy: Negotiation Competition Team; Ellison Moot Court Board

Activities: Secretary, American Civil Liberties Union Alliance; Public Interest Law Association;

Midwest Innocence Project Student Association

Kansas State University

Bachelor of Science, History.

Manhattan, Kansas

May 2007

Community Involvement

Jackson County Family Court Mentor

March 2012- 2016

Boy Scouts of America – District Commissioner

January 2016 – 2019

Colonial Presbyterian Church – Volunteer Youth Leader

August 2009 - Present

REFERENCES

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Mayor Boley,

I am writing this letter in support of John Creagar being appointed to serve as my back-up for the role of Smithville Municipal Prosecutor. I have worked with John Creagar for over a year and a half. During that time I have observed his commitment to being a prosecuting attorney, his abilities to conduct hearings in the courtroom and his reasonableness in getting cases resolved.

John first served as a Clay County Assistant Prosecuting Attorney in the Non-Support Division. He recently volunteered for and was promoted to take on the daunting task of being the Assistant Prosecuting Attorney for Sex Crimes. This promotion not only illustrates Mr. Creagar's commitment to being a prosecutor but his skill level. Sex crimes are some of the most detail oriented and mentally taxing cases that this office prosecutes.

Mr. Creagar and I both used to handle the criminal and non-support docket in Division 6 with the Honorable Karen Krauser. During that time I observed Mr. Creagar exhibit both confidence and intelligence while handling non-support hearings. From what I have observed Mr. Creagar has a good working relationship with Judge Krauser. Judge Krauser is the current Judge handling our Smithville docket.

Mr. Creagar spent 5 years in private practice where he traveled to several municipalities throughout Missouri and Kansas handling traffic level offense. I believe he is well experienced in how municipal dockets run. I have no doubt he has the experience needed to serve as the back-up Prosecutor of the City of Smithville.


Angela Ravkin

Smithville Prosecuting Attorney