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## **City Takes Hardline Against Frivolous Lawsuits**

Wichita Falls, Texas- After almost two years of litigation and court-mandated mediation, contractor Leetech Solutions, Inc. has dismissed its breach of contract suit against the City of Wichita Falls.

"We believe that the City acted appropriately in terminating Leetech's contract and therefore the City had no reason to settle this case," said Deputy City Attorney Julia Vasquez.

Leetech Solutions, Inc. was awarded a contract on June 16, 2021 for the construction of improvements known as the 2022 Lift Station 15 and 39 rehabilitations Project. The amount of the contract was \$389,000.00. This project was required to be completed in 180 days. Over 300 days after the contract was awarded, Leetech had not completed the project. In fact, Leetech had completed less than five percent of the work.

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The City held Leetech in default and terminated the contract with Leetech on August 2, 2022.

On September 22, 2022, Leetech sued the City for breach of contract and asserted other claims that were dismissed in the early stages of litigation. The City rejected Leetech's request to settle this lawsuit even for a nominal sum of money.

"The City Attorney's Office has a policy that we do not settle cases, even for nominal value, because that invites more frivolous lawsuits. Additionally, we are responsible to the taxpayers to be good stewards of the City funds, and settling cases for which the City has committed no wrongdoing is contrary to that obligation," said City Attorney, Kinley Heggland.

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