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MEMORANDUM

To: City of Seguin Mayor and Council
From: Andy Quittner, City Attorney *AQ*
Date: February 22, 2022
Re: Resolution adopting the Global Opioid Settlement for TEVA and ENDO

In 2020, opioid overdose deaths hit a record 69,000 in the United States. In Texas, drug overdose deaths also increased by 31.9%, driven primarily by the opioid overdose deaths (according to the Centers for Disease Control: National Center for Health Statistics.)

On July 23, 2021, Attorney General Ken Paxton announced that global settlements had been reached with three major opioid distributors and opioid manufacturer Johnson & Johnson. Texas, along with a broad coalition of states and subdivisions, had reached final agreements with four companies to resolve legal claims against them for their role in the opioid crisis. One agreement is with the opioid manufacturer Johnson & Johnson (J&J.) The other is with three major pharmaceutical distributors: AmerisourceBergen, Cardinal Health and McKesson.

On October 21, 2021, City Council approved joining the Opioid Settlement as proposed by the Texas Attorney General. Since that time, two other companies, Teva Pharmaceutical Industries and Endo Health Solutions have agreed to a global settlement with the various litigants.

In order to add these two companies to the City's settlement portfolio, City Council needs to approve the separate settlement terms.

City staff recommends adopting the Resolution.