

RESOLUTION #2016-61

Approval to Retain Additional Services of Wightman & Associates, Inc. for USDA Water System Grant Application

**Purpose and Finding:** The City's water tower and water systems are in need of updating and repair. The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) has a grant available municipalities for water system improvements providing for up to 45% of the funds along with a low financing rate of 2.50% percent for the remaining costs. However, given the specialized information required for this grant and the depth of detail required, an engineer is required to assist. The City is seeking to retain the services of Wightman & Associates, Inc. to provide those services. The City already employs Wightman & Associates, Inc. as the City's engineer, however, the services to be provided for this grant would exceed the scope of the services they currently provide. The additional services to be provided by Wightman & Associates, Inc. for this grant application are outlined in their correspondence dated September 9, 2016, which is incorporated by reference. The total cost of services to be provided by Wightman & Associates, Inc. will be \$29,000.00. Should the City successfully obtain grant funding from the USDA, the \$29,000.00 will be satisfied out of those funds. If the City is not successful, the City would be required to pay the \$29,000.00.

Council Member Barnes moved, supported by Council Member Trench, to approve the following resolution

RESOLVED, the City of Albion authorizes the retention of Wightman & Associates, Inc. for the provision of additional services in obtaining a USDA water system improvement grant.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the City of Albion authorizes the payment of \$29,000.00 to Wightman & Associates, Inc. for services rendered relative to the USDA grant application.

I hereby certify that the above resolution was adopted on October 17, 2016 in a regular session of the Albion City Council, and this is a true copy of that resolution.

Ayes 7

Nays 0

Absent 0

Jill Domingo  
Jill Domingo, Clerk

October 17, 2016