A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN ENGAGEMENT LETTER WITH CHAPMAN AND CUTLER, LLP IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$45,000.00 FOR FUNDING THROUGH THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL LOAN PROGRAM (ADMINISTERED BY THE ILLINOIS EPA) OF CERTAIN CAPITAL PROJECTS REQUIRED FOR THE CITY'S CONVERSION TO LAKE MICHIGAN WATER

WHEREAS, the Corporate Authorities of the City of Crest Hill, Will County, Illinois, have the authority to adopt resolutions and to promulgate rules and regulations that pertain to the City's government and affairs and protect the public health, safety, and welfare of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 2-2-12 of the Illinois Municipal Code (65 ILCS 5/2-2-12), the City Council possesses the authority to enter into contracts that serve the legitimate corporate purposes of the City; and

WHEREAS, Chapman and Cutler, LLP (the "Company"), is in the business of, *inter alia*,

providing legal services in connection with the issuance of revenue bonds (the "Services"); and

WHEREAS, the City Council has previously determined to create the Grand Prairie Water Commission and to transition the City's water supply from deep wells to Lake Michigan water by the year 2030; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has previously sought and obtained funding through the Water Pollution Control Loan Program (administered by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency) for certain water system infrastructure improvements to enable the transition to Lake Michigan water by the year 2030; and

WHEREAS, to secure said funding, the City Council has previously determined that the "Services" provided by the Company are necessary to secure said funding and has engaged the Company regarding other loan program funds and projects and have engaged the Company on prior occasions; and

WHEREAS, there are certain capital projects yet to be funded to complete the transition to Lake Michigan water by the year 2030; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to engage the Company to provide the Services

and the Company is ready, willing, and able to perform the Services for the City; and

- **WHEREAS**, the Company has presented the City with an Engagement Letter (the "Agreement") for the purposes of engaging the Company to perform the Services (a copy of the Agreement is attached hereto as <u>Exhibit A</u> and fully incorporated herein); and
- **WHEREAS**, the City Council has reviewed the Agreement and determined that the conditions, terms, and provisions of the Agreement are fair, reasonable, and acceptable to the City; and
- **WHEREAS**, the City Council has determined that it is in the best interests of the City and its citizens to enter into the Agreement with the Company.
- **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Crest Hill, Illinois, pursuant to its statutory authority, as follows:
- **SECTION 1: PREAMBLE**. The City Council hereby finds that all the recitals contained in the preamble to this Resolution are true, correct, and complete and are hereby incorporated by reference thereto and made a part hereof.
- **SECTION 2: AGREEMENT APPROVED**. The City Council hereby finds and declares that the conditions, terms, and provisions of the Agreement (Exhibit A) are fair, reasonable, and acceptable to the City and that the same is hereby approved in form and substance. Therefore, the City Council hereby authorizes and directs the Mayor to execute and deliver, and the Clerk to attest, the Agreement, and further to take any and all other actions, including without limitation the execution and delivery of any and all documents necessary and appropriate to effectuate the intent of this Resolution, which is to enter into the Agreement with the Company.
- **SECTION 3: SEVERABILITY**. If any section, paragraph, clause, or provision of this Resolution is held invalid, the invalidity of such section, paragraph, clause, or provision shall not affect any other provision of this Resolution.
- **SECTION 4: REPEALER**. All ordinances, resolutions or orders, or parts thereof, which conflict with the provisions of this Resolution, are to the extent of such conflict hereby repealed.
- **SECTION 5: EFFECTIVE DATE**. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage and publication according to law.

	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Alderwoman Jennifer Methvin Alderman Scott Dyke Alderwoman Claudia Gazal Alderman Darrell Jefferson Alderperson Tina Oberlin Alderman Mark Cipiti Alderman Nate Albert Alderman Joe Kubal Mayor Raymond R. Soliman				
	Christine Vershay-Hall, City Clerk			
APPROVED THIS DAY OF	, 2025.			
Raymond R. Soliman, Mayor				

PASSED THIS _____ DAY OF _______, 2025.

EXHIBIT A (Engagement Letter)