



RESOLUTION TO APPROVE WWTP OPERATOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT

At a Regular Business meeting of the City of Hartford Commission, located at 19 West Main Street and called to order by Mayor Jane M. Danger on June 18, 2026 at 6:00p.m.

The following resolution was offered:

Moved by Commissioner _____ and supported by Commissioner _____.

WHEREAS, Certified Operator Services, LLC, represented by Quentin Clark, has served as the City's contractor for operation of the Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) during the past year and has provided regular updates to the Mayor and City Commission regarding plant operations, compliance efforts, and operational improvements; and

WHEREAS, during the WWTP Workshop held in February, Mr. Clark presented key objectives and recommendations for the continued improvement of the WWTP and discussed operational challenges facing the facility; and

WHEREAS, the City's long-term objective is to transition operational responsibility for the WWTP to a licensed City employee; and

WHEREAS, the City advertised for a WWTP Operator through Michigan Rural Water and other recruitment efforts but did not receive any applications for the position; and

WHEREAS, Certified Operator Services, LLC has proposed a three-year agreement in the amount of Two Hundred Eighty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$285,000) annually to continue operating the WWTP and provide staffing services; and

WHEREAS, the City has negotiated a proposed two-year extension that would align with the term of the Iron Removal Plant operations agreement and expire on June 30, 2028; and

WHEREAS, the proposed agreement will ensure continuity of operations, regulatory compliance, and professional oversight of the City's wastewater treatment facilities while the City continues its efforts to develop long-term operational staffing solutions; and

WHEREAS, the proposed extension shall be contingent upon Quentin Clark obtaining a Michigan Class C Wastewater Treatment Operator Certification on or before January 31, 2027; and

WHEREAS, if Mr. Clark does not obtain the required certification by that date, Certified Operator Services, LLC shall be responsible for providing a qualified Class C certified operator or obtaining authorization from the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) to continue operating the facility under the supervision of a Class D operator, as permitted by law and regulation.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hartford City Commission hereby approves a two-year extension of the Wastewater Treatment Plant Operations Agreement with Certified Operator Services, LLC, at an annual cost of Two Hundred Eighty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$285,000), with the agreement expiring on June 30, 2028; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Manager is authorized to negotiate final contract terms consistent with this resolution and execute the agreement and any related documents.

YEAS: Commissioners

NAYS:

ABSENT: Commissioners

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED

DATE: June 22, 2026

RoxAnn Rodney-Isbrecht, City Clerk

I RoxAnn Rodney-Isbrecht, Clerk for the City of Hartford, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a Resolution duly adopted by the City Commission of the City of Hartford during a meeting held on June 22, 2026 and the public notice of said meeting was held in compliance with Act 267 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1976, as amended. Date: June 22, 2026

RoxAnn Rodney-Isbrecht, City Clerk
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