



City of Hartford * County of Van Buren * State of Michigan

TO: Mayor Hall and the Hartford City Commission

FROM: Nicol Pulluam, City Manager

DATE: August 25, 2025

RE: **APPROVAL OF WIGHTMAN'S ENGINEERING AGREEMENT FOR THE WRI PROJECT**

ITEM BEFORE THE COMMISSION:

The item before the Commission is to approve Wightman's engineering agreement to complete the engineering services for the Water Related Infrastructure (WRI) Grant.

DISCUSSION:

The City submitted a Letter of Intent for a Water-Related Infrastructure Grant of \$2,491,110 from the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) and the Michigan Strategic Fund (MSF).

The proposed project includes improvements to W. Main Street from the west City limits to Center Street, plus approximately 200' of each approach at the Center Street intersection. The existing cast iron water main will be replaced with a new ductile iron water main from Marion Street to Center Street, including approximately 200' of each approach at Center Street. As part of the water main replacement, a new water main will be installed beneath the CSX railroad. All hydrants will be replaced, and new hydrants will be added where the current spacing between hydrants exceeds standards. New water services will be installed for each property, and any lead service lines encountered will be replaced within the building to comply with the Lead and Copper Rule (LCR). Several brick manholes will be replaced, and a new storm sewer will be installed where needed. The roadways will be fully reconstructed with a new sand subbase, gravel base, spot replacement of concrete curb and gutter, and HMA pavement. Gaps in sidewalks will be filled in, and damaged sidewalks will be replaced. All sidewalk ramps will be brought into compliance with ADA requirements. New signs and pavement markings will be installed, and all disturbed areas will be restored.

Wightman has proposed to do the Topographic Survey, Pavement Borings, Design & Construction Engineering. The engineering fees are consistent with those stated in the grant application submitted for the project. The proposed scope of service estimate is a fixed fee.

Topographic Survey	\$35,000
Pavement Borings	7,000
Railroad Permitting	10,000

Design Engineering	134,000
Construction Engineering	232,000
<i>Total Fees</i>	<i>\$418,000</i>

RECOMMENDATION:

The City of Hartford City Commission approves Wightman's engineering agreement to complete the engineering services for the Water Related Infrastructure (WRI) Grant in the amount not to exceed \$418,000, as well as grants the city manager the authority to execute the agreement.