RESOLUTION NO. _____

COUNCIL MEMBER ___ INTRODUCED THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION:

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH VEENSTRA & KIMM, INC., A KLEINFELDER COMPANY, FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES RELATED TO A WATER RATE STUDY FOR THE CITY OF BLAIR WATER UTILITY AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT.

WHEREAS, the City of Blair owns and operates a municipal water utility system and periodically reviews its utility rates to ensure the continued financial stability of the water system; and

WHEREAS, the City has applied for financing through the Nebraska State Revolving Fund (SRF) Program for improvements to the City's water distribution system, including pump station improvements, and has been advised that a water rate study is necessary to demonstrate compliance with required debt service coverage ratios and maintain the financial health of the water utility; and

WHEREAS, City staff solicited proposals from qualified engineering firms to perform a water rate study and received proposals from HDR, SEH, and VEENSTRA & KIMM, INC., A KLEINFELDER COMPANY, with JEO Consulting Group, Inc. declining to submit a proposal; and

WHEREAS, VEENSTRA & KIMM, INC., A KLEINFELDER COMPANY submitted the lowest responsive proposal and is familiar with the City's water utility, having previously completed a water rate study for the City in 2024; and

WHEREAS, the proposed agreement provides for the evaluation of existing water rates, review of utility revenues and expenditures, analysis of future water use and capital improvements, development of rate alternatives, preparation of recommended rate schedules, and presentation of findings to the City; and

WHEREAS, the agreement establishes a not-to-exceed fee of Nineteen Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars ($19,800.00) for the scope of services identified therein, with completion of the draft water rate analysis anticipated by January 31, 2027; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council find that approval of the agreement is in the best interests of the City and necessary to assist the City in evaluating and establishing appropriate water utility rates.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLAIR, NEBRASKA:

Section 1. The Agreement for Water Rate Study Services between the City of Blair, Nebraska and VEENSTRA & KIMM, INC., A KLEINFELDER COMPANY, substantially in the form presented to the City Council, is hereby approved.

Section 2. The Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute said agreement on behalf of the City and to execute such additional documents as may be necessary to carry out the intent of this Resolution.

Section 3. Funding for the services authorized herein shall be paid from the Water Department budget and utility funds lawfully available for such purpose.

Section 4. This Resolution shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval as provided by law.

COUNCIL MEMBER --- MOVED THAT THE RESOLUTION BE ADOPTED AS READ, WHICH MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER ----. UPON ROLL CALL, COUNCIL MEMBERS ------- VOTING "AYE" AND COUNCIL MEMBERS ----VOTING "NAY," THE MAYOR DECLARED THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 24TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2026.

CITY OF BLAIR, NEBRASKA

By: _____
MELINDA K. RUMP, MAYOR

ATTEST:

BRENDA WHEELER, CITY CLERK

(SEAL)

STATE OF NEBRASKA)
) ss.
WASHINGTON COUNTY)

I, Brenda Wheeler, City Clerk of the City of Blair, Nebraska, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Blair, Nebraska, at a meeting held on the 24th day of November, 2026.

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BRENDA WHEELER, CITY CLERK