

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH RAFTELIS FINANCIAL CONSULTANTS, INC. FOR THE WATER AND WASTEWATER UTILITY SYSTEM COST OF SERVICE AND RATE STRUCTURE UPDATE STUDY.

WHEREAS, during the late summer of 2016 several City of Abilene (City) water utility customers expressed their concerns with the cost of water and with how water customers are billed based on consumption classifications and tiers; and

WHEREAS, in response to customer concerns the Abilene City Council directed City staff to solicit for a qualified firm to perform a Rate Design Study; and

WHEREAS, the City solicited for statements of qualifications for a firm to conduct the Water and Wastewater Utility System Cost of Service and Rate Structure Update Study (Rate Study) in order to study the City of Abilene's existing water and wastewater cost of service, the billing rates necessary to produce sufficient revenues for the water and sewer utility fund, and the category and tiered structures for which rates are established; and

WHEREAS, the City received three responses from qualified firms capable of performing a rate study and after carefully reviewing and scoring each submittal staff selected the team of Raftelis Financial Consultants Inc/enprotec/Hibbs & Todd, Inc. for which to attempt to negotiate a contract; and

WHEREAS, the Rate Study contract includes basic services described as Tasks 1-4 for cost of service and rate design, mechanisms for paying for growth, and financial planning and a rate design model having a value not to exceed \$71,560.00.

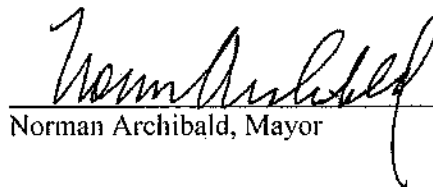
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS:

The Abilene City Manager is authorized to execute the professional services contract with Raftelis Financial Consultants, Inc. for the Water and Wastewater Utility System Cost of Service and Rate Structure Update Study, basic services Tasks 1-4, in the amount of \$71,560.00.

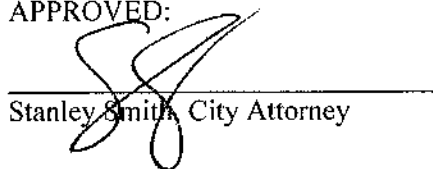
ADOPTED this 23rd day of February, 2017.

ATTEST:


Danette Dunlap, City Secretary


Norman Archibald, Mayor

APPROVED:


Stanley Smith, City Attorney