Resolution #2017-27

To Approve Additional Funding for Calhoun County Land Bank Authority Demolition Program

Background: The City of Albion has partnered with the Calhoun County Treasurer and Calhoun County Land Bank Authority (CCLBA) for over five years to coordinate revitalizing neighborhoods and strengthening our community through blight removal and demolitions.

The CCLBA was awarded a $3.8 million grant that included the planned demolition of 26 residential buildings in Albion. The grant provides $25,000 toward the demolition and abatement costs for each site. The bids for the removal of asbestos and hazardous materials caused a significant increase in the total demolition costs for several of the properties that exceeds the grant funded amount.

The CCLBA has already committed $6,216.75 towards the increased costs, which covers the increased costs for four (4) of the sites. In order to avoid eliminating two (2) of the sites, the City has been requested to include a match of $10,000. This would allow for a total of six (6) demolitions. There still remains two (2) projects that have demolition costs that are not obtainable unless another funder comes to the table. These are the projects at 325 W Broadwell ($32,638 over) and 502 Burr Oak ($11,171 over).

Finding: The removal of blighted properties is critical to the health, safety and well-being of our community. The collaboration with the Calhoun County Treasurer and Calhoun County Land Bank Authority is a cost effective way to remove dangerous and blighted structures.

Council Member [French] moved, supported by Council Member [Spicer], to approve the following resolution.

RESOLVED, that the Albion City Council approves the allocation of up to $10,000 as the local match for the Calhoun County Land Bank Demolition program from the Solid Waste Fund.

I hereby certify that the above resolution was adopted on June 19, 2017 in a regular session of the Albion City Council, and this is a true copy of that resolution.

Ayes 6
Nays 0
Absent 1 (Barnes)

[Signature]
Jill Domingo, Albion City Clerk