



# City of Grand Island

Tuesday, March 8, 2016

Council Session

## Item G-4

**#2016-41 - Approving Bid Award for Transmission Line Work -  
Line 1093**

Staff Contact: Tim Luchsinger, Stacy Nonhof

# Council Agenda Memo

**From:** Tim Luchsinger, Utilities Director  
Stacy Nonhof, Assistant City Attorney

**Meeting:** March 8, 2016

**Subject:** Transmission Line Work - Line 1093

**Presenter(s):** Tim Luchsinger, Utilities Director

## Background

Last year, Black & Veatch completed an Electric System Master Plan that evaluated the entire Grand Island Electric System over a twenty year period to determine if there were any inadequacies in reliably supplying customer load. One of the resulting recommendations of that Master Plan is an upgrade to 115 kV transmission line 1093 located east of the City. This is the original interconnection line with the regional grid and is in need of a rebuild.

## Discussion

Bids were received by the City on February 23, 2016 for the contract labor and materials for the rebuild of approximately three and one-quarter miles of the 115 kV transmission line between Substation "E" and the Nebraska Public Power District 115 kV Substation east of the City. The eight bids received were:

<b>Bidder</b>	<b>Bid Amount</b>
Watts Electric Company, Inc., Waverly, NE	\$1,493,900.79
Hopper Corporation, Madison, WI	\$1,599,350.90
Brink Constructors, Inc., Rapid City, SD	\$1,679,920.70
IES Commercial, Inc., Holdrege, NE	\$1,688,812.00
Ward Electric Company, Inc., Longmont, CO	\$1,827,398.79
Intermountain Electric Services, Inc., Rock Springs, WY	\$1,848,757.42
Probst Electric, Inc., Haber City, UT	\$1,890,582.40
Primoris Aevenia, Inc., Moorhead, MN	\$2,053,817.52

Based on a review of the bids received, City staff recommends that the City award a contract to Watts Electric Company, Inc., of Waverly, Nebraska for this work. Watts Electric Company's bid of \$1,493,900.79 is below the engineer's estimate of \$3,000,000.

## **Alternatives**

It appears that the Council has the following alternatives concerning the issue at hand. The Council may:

1. Move to approve
2. Refer the issue to a Committee
3. Postpone the issue to a future date
4. Take no action on the issue

## **Recommendation**

City Administration recommends that the Council approve the contract for Transmission Line Work, Line 1093 to Watts Electric Company, Inc., of Waverly, Nebraska in the amount of \$1,493,900.79.

## **Sample Motion**

Move to approve the contract for Transmission Line Work – Line 1093, to Watts Electric Company, Inc., in the amount of \$1,493,900.79.



Stacy Nonhof, Purchasing Agent

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**BID OPENING**

**BID OPENING DATE:** February 23, 2016 at 2:00 p.m.  
**FOR:** Transmission Line Work L1093  
**DEPARTMENT:** Utilities  
**ESTIMATE:** \$3,000,000.00  
**FUND/ACCOUNT:** 520  
**PUBLICATION DATE:** January 15, 2016  
**NO. POTENTIAL BIDDERS:** 7

**SUMMARY**

<b>Bidder:</b>	<b><u>Primoris Aevenia, Inc.</u></b> Moorhead, MN	<b><u>Ward Electric Company, Inc.</u></b> Longmont, CO
<b>Bid Security:</b>	Federal Ins. Co.	International Fidelity Ins. Co.
<b>Exceptions:</b>	Noted	None
<b>Bid Price:</b>	\$2,053,817.52	\$1,827,398.79
<b>Bidder:</b>	<b><u>IES Commercial, Inc.</u></b> Holdrege, NE	<b><u>Brink Constructors, Inc.</u></b> Rapid City, SD
<b>Bid Security:</b>	National Union Fire Inc. Co.	Federal Insurance Co.
<b>Exceptions:</b>	None	None
<b>Bid Price:</b>	\$1,688,812.00	\$1,679,920.70
<b>Bidder:</b>	<b><u>Watts Electric Company</u></b> Waverly, NE	<b><u>Hooper Corporation</u></b> Madison, WI
<b>Bid Security:</b>	Universal Surety Co.	Liberty Mutual Ins. Co.
<b>Exceptions:</b>	None	Noted
<b>Bid Price:</b>	\$1,493,900.79	\$1,599,350.90

<b>Bidder:</b>	<b><u>Intermountain Electric Service, Inc.</u></b> <b>Rock Springs, WY</b>	<b><u>Probst Electric, Inc.</u></b> <b>Haber City, UT</b>
<b>Bid Security:</b>	<b>The Cincinnati Ins. Co.</b>	<b>Federal Insurance Co.</b>
<b>Exceptions:</b>	<b>None</b>	<b>None</b>
<b>Bid Price:</b>	<b>\$1,848,757.42</b>	<b>1,890,582.40</b>

cc: Tim Luchsinger, Utilities Director  
Marlan Ferguson, City Administrator  
Stacy Nonhof, Purchasing Agent

Pat Gericke, Utilities Admin. Assist.  
Renae Griffiths, Finance Director  
Travis Burdett, Assist. Utilities Director

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RESOLUTION 2016-41

WHEREAS, the City of Grand Island invited sealed bids for Transmission Line Work – Line 1093, according to plans and specifications on file with the Utilities Department; and

WHEREAS, on February 23, 2016, bids were received, opened and reviewed; and

WHEREAS, Watts Electric Company of Waverly, Nebraska, submitted a bid in accordance with the terms of the advertisement of bids and plans and specifications and all other statutory requirements contained therein, such bid being in the amount of \$1,493,900.79; and

WHEREAS, the bid of Watts Electric Company is less than the estimate for Transmission Line Work – Line 1093.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA, that the bid of Watts Electric Company, in the amount of \$1,493,900.79, for Transmission Line Work – Line 1093, is hereby approved as the lowest responsible bid.

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Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, March 8, 2016.

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Jeremy L. Jensen, Mayor

Attest:

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RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

Approved as to Form	☒ _____
March 4, 2016	☒ City Attorney