



# City of Grand Island

Tuesday, July 13, 2021

Council Session

## Item G-4

**#2021-157 - Approving Bid Award for the Sale of Fly Ash from the Platte Generating Station**

Staff Contact: Tim Luchsinger, Stacy Nonhof

# **Council Agenda Memo**

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

**Meeting:** July 13, 2021

**Subject:** Platte Generating Station Fly Ash Purchase

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

## **Background**

As part of the combustion process of the coal in the boiler at the Platte Generating Station, ash is entrained in the exhaust gas. This ash, referred to as fly ash, is removed by an electrostatic precipitator before the gas enters the chimney. It is conveyed from the precipitator to a storage silo. The ash must then be disposed in on-site landfill areas or used for off-site applications such as an additive for concrete or asphalt, or soil stabilization. Almost all of the ash is of a quality usable for these off-site uses and has been sold to contractors since shortly after plant start-up. The contractor is responsible for removal of the ash to ensure that the operation of the plant is not impacted.

## **Discussion**

The specifications for the Platte Generating Station Fly Ash Purchase were prepared and issued for bid in accordance with City purchasing procedures. This three-year contract is based on a “take all” basis during each calendar year with a price per ton paid to the City. Responses were received from the following bidders on June 24, 2021.

Bidder	Bid Price
Nebraska Ash Company Lincoln, Nebraska	\$24.00 per ton
WC Enterprises, Inc., Hastings, Nebraska	\$25.26 per ton

The specifications include a provision requiring the contractor to remove all ash produced at the plant. That has been a standard provision in the ash contract for over fifteen years.

## **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 future date
4. Take no action on the issue

## **Recommendation**

City Administration recommends that the Council award the bid to WC Enterprises, Inc., of Hastings, Nebraska, as the high responsive bidder, with the bid purchase price of \$25.26 per ton.

## **Sample Motion**

Move to approve the bid of \$25.26 per ton from WC Enterprises, Inc., for the Platte Generating Station Fly Ash Purchase.



Stacy Nonhof, Purchasing Agent

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**BID OPENING**

**BID OPENING DATE:** June 24, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.  
**FOR:** Platte Generating Station Fly Ash Purchase 2021 - 2024  
**DEPARTMENT:** Utilities  
**PUBLICATION DATE:** May 26, 2021  
**NO. POTENTIAL BIDDERS:** 2

**SUMMARY**

<b>Bidder:</b>	<u>WC Enterprises, Inc.</u> Hastings, NE	<u>Nebraska Ash Company</u> Lincoln, NE
<b>Exceptions:</b>	None	None
<b>Bid Price:</b>	\$25.26 per dry ton	\$24.00 per dry ton

cc: Tim Luchsinger, Utilities Director  
Jerry Janulewicz, City Administrator  
Stacy Nonhof, Purchasing Agent

Pat Gericke, Utilities Admin. Assist.  
Patrick Brown, Finance Director  
Lynn Mayhew, Assist. Utilities Director

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RESOLUTION 2021-157

WHEREAS, the City of Grand Island invited sealed bids for Fly Ash Purchase according to plans and specifications on file with the Utilities Department; and

WHEREAS, on June 24, 2021, bids were received, opened and reviewed; and

WHEREAS WC Enterprises, Inc., of Hastings, 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 \$25.26 per ton.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA, that the bid of WC Enterprises, Inc., for the purchase of Fly Ash, in the amount of \$25.26 per ton, is hereby approved as the highest responsible bid.

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Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, July 13, 2021.

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Roger G. Steele, Mayor

Attest:

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RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

Approved as to Form	☐ _____
July 9, 2021	☐ City Attorney