



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, August 26, 2014

Council Session - Updated

Item G-10

#2014-240 - Approving Bid Award - Communication Tower & Shelter Project at Phelps Control Center

Staff Contact: Tim Luchsinger, Stacy Nonhof

Council Agenda Memo

From: Tim Luchsinger, Utilities Director
Meeting: August 26, 2014
Subject: Contract for Phelps Control Center Communication Tower and Shelter Building
Item #'s: G-10
Presenter(s): Tim Luchsinger, Utilities Director

Background

The Utilities Department relies on wireless radio communications, both hand held and truck mounted, for work throughout the City. In addition, other wireless communication equipment is utilized, such as the recently installed smart metering system pilot project. To improve the sending and receiving of signals, and to provide additional tower space on which to mount future equipment, Department engineering staff determined a 120 foot tall steel lattice tower, similar to a cell phone tower, would be the best solution. In addition, a small standalone building would be at the base of the tower to house the necessary communication equipment. The tower and building would be placed at the Phelps Control Center where the existing equipment resides. A conditional use permit from the City has been obtained, as well as a permit from the Federal Aviation Administration.

Discussion

The bid package was sent directly to 9 potential bidders and advertised. The following bids were received by the City on August 12, 2014 for providing the tower and shelter building, and the labor and materials to install both. The engineer's estimate for this work was \$175,000.

Bidder	Bid Price	Exceptions
Platte Valley Communications, Grand Island, NE	\$ 73,723.00	None
Allstate Tower Inc., Henderson, KY	\$109,086.00	Noted

Alternatives

It appears that the Council that 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 award the contract for the Phelps Control Center Communication Tower and Shelter to the low bidder, Platte Valley Communications of Grand Island, Nebraska, in the amount of \$73,723.00.

Sample Motion

Move to approve the contract for the Phelps Control Center Communication Tower and Shelter to Platte Valley Communications of Grand Island, Nebraska, in the amount of \$73,723.00.



Stacy Nonhof, Purchasing Agent

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BID OPENING

BID OPENING DATE: August 12, 2014 at 2:30 p.m.
FOR: Communication Tower & Shelter Project
DEPARTMENT: Utilities
ESTIMATE: \$175,000.00
FUND/ACCOUNT: 520
PUBLICATION DATE: July 21, 2014
NO. POTENTIAL BIDDERS: 6

SUMMARY

Bidder:	<u>Allstate Tower Inc.</u> Henderson, KY	<u>Platte Valley Communications, Inc.</u> Grand Island, NE
Bid Security:	Old Republic Surety Co.	Cashier's Check
Exceptions:	Noted	None
Bid Price:	\$101,950.00	\$68,900.00
Sales Tax:	\$ 7,136.00	\$ 4,823.00
Total Bid:	\$109,086.00	\$73,723.00

cc: Tim Luchsinger, Utilities Director
Mary Lou Brown, City Administrator
Stacy Nonhoff, Purchasing Agent
Jeff Mead, Utilities Senior Engineer

Bob Smith, Assist. Utilities Director
Jaye Monter, Finance Director
Pat Gericke, Utilities Admin. Assist.

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RESOLUTION 2014-240

WHEREAS, the City of Grand Island invited sealed bids for Phelps Control Center Communication Tower and Shelter Building, according to plans and specifications on file with the Utilities Department; and

WHEREAS, on August 12, 2014, bids were received, opened and reviewed; and

WHEREAS, Platte Valley Communications of Grand Island, 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 \$73,723.00; and

WHEREAS, the bid of Platte Valley Communications is less than the estimate for the Phelps Control Center Communication Tower and Shelter Building.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA, that the bid of Platte Valley Communications of Grand Island Nebraska, in the amount of \$73,723.00, for the Phelps Control Center Communication Tower and Shelter Building, is hereby approved as the lowest responsible bid.

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Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, August 26, 2014.

Jay Vavricek, Mayor

Attest:

RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

Approved as to Form	☐ _____
August 25, 2014	☐ City Attorney