



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, October 26, 2004

Council Session

Item G16

#2004-273 - Approving Authorization to Use Emergency Procurement Procedures to Make Repairs to a Blower at the Waste Water Treatment Plant

Staff Contact: Steven P. Riehle, P.E., Public Works Director

Council Agenda Memo

From: Steven P. Riehle, P.E., Director of Public Works

Meeting: October 26, 2004

Subject: Approving Authorization to Perform Emergency Repairs on the Wastewater Treatment Plant Blower

Item #'s: G-16

Presenter(s): Steven P. Riehle, P.E., Director of Public Works

Background

On October 8, 2004 one of our four (4) Aeration Basin Blowers broke down. Failure to repair the blower in a timely manner may result in release of water from the treatment plant into the out fall ditch that has not been fully treated. This in turn will violate the conditions of the NPDES permit.

Discussion

The City procurement code limits the dollar amount whereby City Staff can hire a contractor to no more than \$7,500.00. Staff believes the total cost will exceed \$7,500.00. We are requesting permission to use the emergency procurement procedures as outlined in section 27-13 of the City Code to acquire services of a contractor to perform the necessary emergency repairs.

The Public Works Department contacted the Northwest Electric Shop of Lincoln, NE to assess the repairs needed. They have estimated the repair costs at \$26,284.22. We also received a quote from Gardner Denver Blower Division in Peachtree City, Georgia for \$30,284.00 plus freight. The Northwest Electric Shop has done minor repairs to the blower in the past.

Alternatives

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

1. Make a motion to approve usage of the City's emergency procurement procedures and authorize the Mayor to issue a purchase order to the vendor for the necessary repairs.
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 usage of the City's emergency procurement procedures and pass a resolution authorizing the Mayor to issue a purchase order for the repairs.

Sample Motion

Move to approve the usage of the City's emergency procurement procedures and issue a purchase order to Northwest Electric Shop for the repairs.

RESOLUTION 2004-273

WHEREAS, on October 8, 2004, one of the four aeration basin blowers broke down at the Wastewater Treatment Plant; and

WHEREAS, two aeration basin blowers must be running at all times to comply with NPDES regulations; and

WHEREAS, the remaining two aeration basin blowers are available when one or both of the main blowers fails, with the one broke down we only have one standby blower; and

WHEREAS, it is in the City's best interests to immediately repair the failed aeration basin blower; and

WHEREAS, using the City's standard procurement procedures to make repairs may jeopardize the City's ability to comply with NPDES regulations; and

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest to proceed immediately with the required repair work; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate and necessary to deal with this emergency by proceeding under Section 27-13 of the Grand Island City Code (1988 ed.) and declare and authorize an emergency procurement procedure; and

WHEREAS, the Northwest Electric Shop of Lincoln, Nebraska, has assessed the damage to one of the aeration basin blower, and is available and willing to do such work on a very short notice at a cost of \$26,284.22; and

WHEREAS, the Northwest Electric Shop is qualified to do such work, and has completed repair work on the blowers in the past.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA, that the use of the City's emergency procurement procedures in this situation is hereby ratified.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that emergency repairs shall be completed by the Northwest Electric Shop of Lincoln, Nebraska, at a cost of \$26,284.22 to fix the aeration basin blower for use at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Public Works Department is authorized to issue a purchase order to the contractor for such project.

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Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, October 12, 2004.

RaNae Edwards, City Clerk