



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, November 04, 2003

Council Session

Item G18

#2003-334 - Approving Authorization for Negotiating an Agreement with Kirkham Michael and Associates, Inc. for Consulting Services Relative to Water Main Work on Second Street

Background:

The Nebraska Department of Roads (NDOR) is working on a project to improve US Highway 30 through central Grand Island. The NDOR issued a Request for Proposals for Engineering Services for the project, reviewed proposals, conducted interviews, made a selection and negotiated an agreement. Their choice for the project was Kirkham Michael and Associates, Inc. of Omaha, Nebraska. Requests For Proposals are used when the city is looking for Consulting Engineering Firms to perform Professional Services that are over \$10,000. Exceptions to that process must be approved by the council.

Discussion:

The City must perform water main work as part of the project. The plans will be incorporated into the NDOR's plans with work being performed by the contractor that is awarded the project by the NDOR. Staff is requesting authorization to negotiate an Agreement with Kirkham Michael and Associates to design the water main project. Using a different consultant than the NDOR would slow the project considerably and add cost to the project.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends approval of a Resolution designating Kirkham Michael and Associates as a sole source provider for this water main design work under the City code. An agreement will be brought forward for council's consideration at the November 18th regular city council meeting.

Financial Implications:

Sufficient funds are available in the Utilities Budget for the work. The project will reimburse the city for 80% of the non-betterment cost for the work.

Alternatives:

None. Cost savings will be realized by using the same consultant as the NDOR.

Staff Contact: Steve Riehle and Gary Mader

R E S O L U T I O N 2003-334

WHEREAS, the Nebraska Department of Roads (NDOR) is working on a project to improve U.S. Highway 30 through central Grand Island from Grant to Greenwich Streets; and

WHEREAS, after following state procurement procedures, the NDOR entered into a contract with Kirkham Michael and Associates, Inc. of Omaha, Nebraska to provide engineering services for the project; and

WHEREAS, the NDOR informed the City that it must perform water main work on Second Street in order for the NDOR to proceed with the project; and

WHEREAS, due to their familiarity with the project, it would be beneficial for the City to utilize Kirkham Michael and Associates, Inc. to design the water main project on Second Street for the City; and

WHEREAS, it is recommended that negotiations be authorized with Kirkham Michael and Associates, Inc. to perform such work.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA, that authorization is hereby given to pursue negotiations with Kirkham Michael and Associates, Inc. of Omaha, Nebraska to design the water main project on Second Street for the City in order to allow the Nebraska Department of Roads to proceed with their U.S. Highway 30 improvement project.

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Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, November 4, 2003.

RaNae Edwards, City Clerk