

# **City of Grand Island**

Tuesday, May 10, 2005 Council Session

## Item I2

#2005-150 - Approving Authorization to Perform Emergency Repair on Sanitary Sewer Main located in the Alley between 5th Street and 6th Street from Kimball to Oak Street

Staff Contact: Steve Riehle, City Engineer/Public Works Director

City of Grand Island City Council

## **Council Agenda Memo**

**From:** Steven P. Riehle, Public Works Director

**Meeting:** May 10, 2005

**Subject:** Approving Authorization to Perform Emergency Repair

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**Presente r**(**s**): Steven P. Riehle, Public Works Director

#### **Background**

On April 25, 2005, a sewer line broke in the alley between 5<sup>th</sup> Street and 6<sup>th</sup> Street from Kimball to Oak Street. In addition to the broken pipe, the flusher hose and root saw are caught in the sewer pipe. Emergency repairs are needed.

#### **Discussion**

The City procurement code limits the dollar amount whereby City Staff can hire a contractor to no more then \$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 Diamond Engineering Company of Grand Island, NE to assess the repairs needed. The Diamond Engineering Company is qualified to execute such work and is available to complete the emergency repairs.

## **Alternatives**

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

1. Approve the recommendation to use the City's emergency procurement procedures and authorize The Mayor to issue a purchase order to the contractor for the work.

- 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 The Diamond Engineering Company for the repairs.

#### RESOLUTION 2005-150

WHEREAS, the Wastewater Division of the Public Works Department became aware of a broken sewer between 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Streets, and Kimball and Oak Streets; and

WHEREAS, immediate repairs are necessary; and

WHEREAS, using the City's standard procurement procedures to make repairs will not allow the required repair work to be completed in an acceptable time frame; 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 Diamond Engineering Company of Grand Island, Nebraska, is qualified to do such work, and was available and willing to do such work on a very short notice; and

WHEREAS, the Diamond Engineering Company will evaluate the damage and report back to city officials with a proposed plan to repair the damage and a cost estimate to make such repairs.

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 work shall be completed by the Diamond Engineering Company of Grand Island, Nebraska, after such damage has been evaluated and a proposed plan and cost estimates have been provided to city officials.

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, May 10, 2005.

RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

Approved as to Form 

May 5, 2005 

City Attorney