



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, May 24, 2005

Council Session

Item I1

#2005-160 - Approving Authorization to Proceed with Emergency Repairs to Public Infrastructure Caused by the May 11th and May 12th Flooding

Staff Contact: Steven P. Riehle, Public Works Director

Council Agenda Memo

From: Steven P. Riehle, Public Works Director
Steve Paustian, Parks and Recreation Director

Meeting: May 24, 2005

Subject: Approving Authorization to Proceed with Emergency Repairs to Public Infrastructure Caused by the May 11th and May 12th Flooding

Item #'s: I-1

Presenter(s): Steven P. Riehle, Public Works Director
Steve Paustian, Parks and Recreation Director

Background

On May 11, 2005, Grand Island experienced severe flooding. Three areas are in need of emergency repairs:

- North Road between Northwest High School and NE HWY 2; need to replace culvert, backfill, and asphalt road.
- Cofferdam weir structure on the Capital Avenue outfall ditch which is located on North side of Capital Avenue; need to repair or replace.
- Wood River and Wood River Diversion low water crossings along for the bike trail; damage assessment will not be completed until the water recedes.

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 for each of the three emergency repair areas. 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.

Plans and specifications will be prepared for the North Road repair and the Capital Avenue outfall ditch weir and bids received for each project before a Purchase Order is issued. Since The Diamond Engineering Company is the contractor building the trail, a price will be negotiated with them to perform any needed repairs to the trail.

City administration is pursuing disaster relief funding for these projects.

Alternatives

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

1. Approve authorization 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.

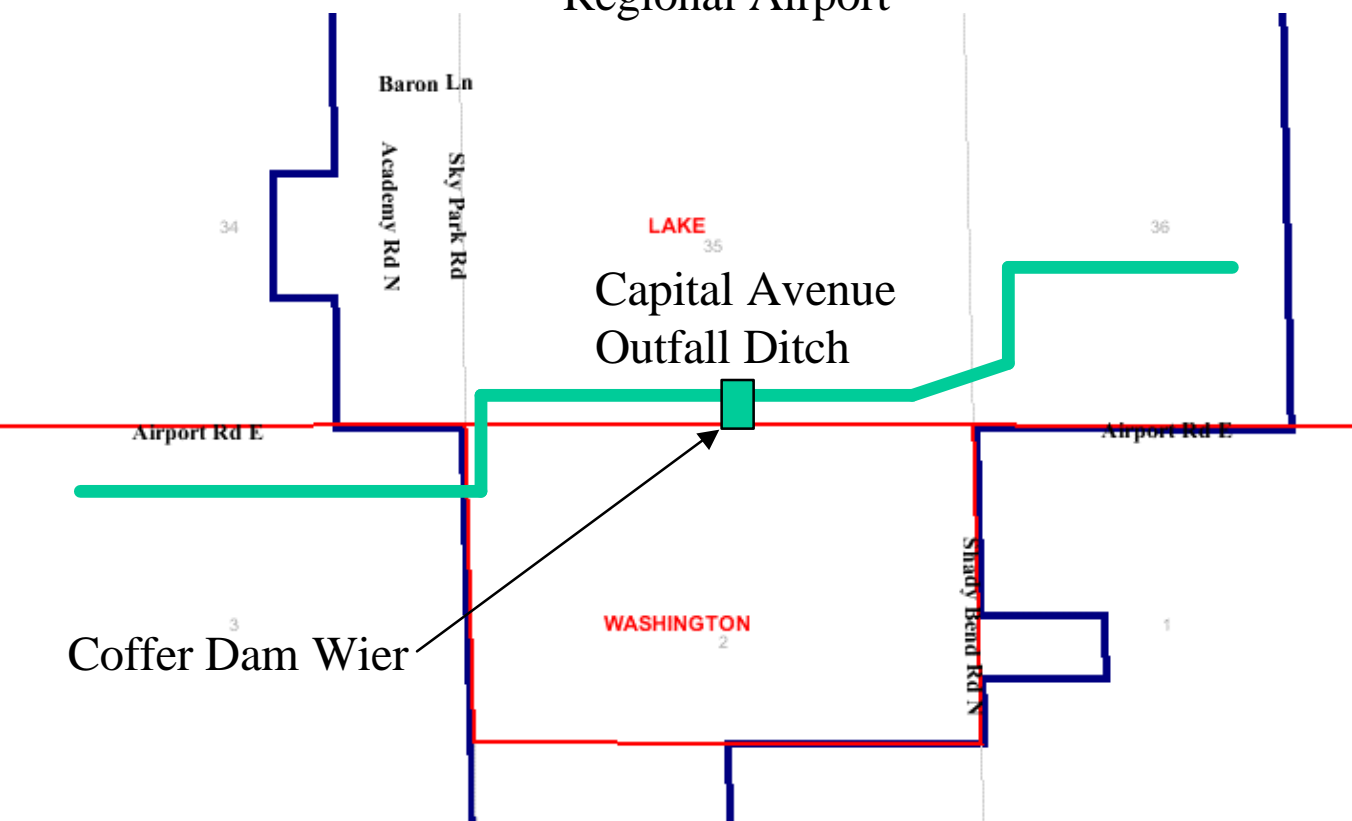
Recommendation

City Administration recommends that the Council approve authorization for the 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.

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RESOLUTION 2005-160

WHEREAS, the city's infrastructure sustained damage due to the May 11, 2005 storm and resulting flooding; and

WHEREAS, immediate repairs are necessary to repair the following:

1. North Road, between Northwest High School and Nebraska Highway 2. Replace culvert, backfill and asphalt road.
2. Cofferdam weir structure on the Capital Avenue outfall ditch (north side of Capital Avenue). Repair or replace structure.
3. Wood River and Wood River Diversion low water crossings along hike/bike trail. Assess damage after water recedes, and make necessary repairs.

WHEREAS, using the City's standard procurement procedures to make such 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, for project items 1 and 2 identified above, the City proposes to request informal bids for such project; and

WHEREAS, the Diamond Engineering Company is presently on contract to complete the hike/bike trail identified above as project 3, it is suggested that City staff negotiate for necessary repairs on such project; and

WHEREAS, the Diamond Engineering Company of Grand Island, Nebraska, is qualified to do such work for project 3, and is available and willing to do such work on a very short notice; and

WHEREAS, the Diamond Engineering Company will evaluate the damage for project 3 repairs 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.

Approved as to Form	☐ _____
May 19, 2005	☐ City Attorney

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that informal bids be obtained to proceed with emergency repair work for project items 1 and 2 identified above.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that City staff negotiate with the Diamond Engineering Company for necessary repairs on project 3 identified above.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Public Works Department is authorized to issue purchase orders to the contractors for such projects.

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Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, May 24, 2005.

RaNae Edwards, City Clerk