

City of Grand Island

Tuesday, August 09, 2005 Council Session

Item G14

#2005-225 - Approving Authorization for Emergency Sanitary Sewer Force Main Repairs on Capital Avenue

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Council Agenda Memo

From:	Steven P. Riehle, P.E., Director of Public Works
Meeting:	August 9, 2005
Subject:	Approving Authorization for Emergency Sanitary Sewer Repairs near the Intersection of Capital Avenue and Wheeler Avenue
Item #'s:	G-14
Presenter(s):	Steven P. Riehle, P.E., Director of Public Works

Background

Due to a failure in the sewer main, the City of Grand Island Wastewater Treatment Division was required to perform emergency repairs to the sanitary sewer force main on Capital Avenue near Wheeler Avenue. This sewer main carries the majority of the waste from the northwest area of the city.

Discussion

The Diamond Engineering Company was hired by means of a purchase order in the amount of \$10,000 to effect the necessary repairs. Since this was an emergency situation, no other bids were solicited. Upon excavation, the extent of the needed repairs was found to be quite extensive. Diamond Engineering has completed the repairs on an actual cost basis for a total of \$22,472.90. We are requesting permission to use the emergency procurement procedures as outlined in section 27-13 of the City Code. City Administration is requesting that Council approve the payment of the claim to Diamond Engineering.

Alternatives

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

- 1. Approve usage of the City's emergency procurement procedures and authorize the Mayor to issue a purchase order to the contractor for the work.
- 2. Disapprove or Deny usage of the City's emergency procurement procedures and not approve authorization for The Mayor to issue a purchase order.

- 3. Modify the request to meet the wishes of the Council
- 4. Table 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 2005-225

WHEREAS, due to a failure in the sanitary sewer force main, the City of Grand Island Wastewater Division was required to perform emergency repairs to the main on Capital Avenue near Wheeler Avenue; and

WHEREAS, immediate repairs were necessary as this sewer main carries sanitary sewer flows from the majority of the west and northwest areas of the city; and

WHEREAS, using the City's standard procurement procedures to make repairs would not allow the required repair work to be completed in an acceptable time frame; and

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

WHEREAS, it was 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, was qualified to do such work, and was available and willing to do such work on a very short notice; and

WHEREAS, upon excavation, the extent of the needed repairs was found to be quite extensive, and could not be completed under the \$7,500 limit of a purchase order; and

WHEREAS, the Diamond Engineering Company has completed the repairs on an actual cost basis of \$22,472.90; and

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 completed by The Diamond Engineering Company of Grand Island, Nebraska, is hereby approved and payment shall be authorized to such contractor.

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Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, August 9, 2005.

RaNae Edwards, City Clerk