



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, April 10, 2007

Council Session

Item G12

**#2007-83 - Approving Bid Award - Tapping and Line-Stopping
Systems - Water Division, Utilities Department**

Staff Contact: Gary R. Mader;DaleShotkoski

Council Agenda Memo

From: Gary R. Mader, Utilities Director
Dale Shotkoski, City Attorney

Meeting: April 10, 2007

Subject: Tapping & Line-Stopping Systems

Item #'s: G-12

Presenter(s): Gary R. Mader, Utilities Director

Background

In order to improve customer service and system reliability, the Water Department has been making use of a technology to plug water lines for repair, maintenance, contractor taps, and emergencies. The ability to isolate a small section of water main reduces the number of customers who are out of service, lessens the need to drain and dispose of “in-pipe” water, often reduces the time to complete a project, and greatly lessens the exposure of the City water system to the possible introduction of contamination. The water-stop technology allows the precise isolation of a trouble spot. The line is tapped by the water-stop machine and an expanding rubber seal is used to shut off water flow. The device has been rented from area suppliers. These rental devices may also have been used on gas mains, sewer mains, fuel lines, and other industrial locations.

Over the last two years, the Water Department has spent over \$35,000 on rental of this equipment for such projects as the St. Francis Hospital expansion, repair of the 30” Wellfield transmission line, system extension construction for contractors, and line replacements. Because of the continued use and cost, the purchase of a water-stop unit was included in the '06-'07 Water Department Budget.

Discussion

The Water Department wrote specifications and advertised the specifications in accordance with the City Purchasing Code. Copies of the specifications were also sent to four potential bidders. Bids were opened and publicly read on March 27, 2007 at 11:00 a.m. by the City Clerk. Two bids were received with the following results:

Bidder	As Read Bid Price	Tax	Total
Municipal Pipe Services, Inc. Hastings, NE	\$57,662.30	Included	\$57,662.30
Hydra-Stop Alsip, IL	\$54,900.00	\$3,843.00	\$58,743.00

Both bids meet the specifications with minor exceptions. The exceptions are acceptable and will not adversely effect the final operation of the device.

Alternatives

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

1. Move to approve the bid
2. Refer the issue to a Committee
3. Postpone the issue to future date
4. Take no action on the issue

Recommendation

City Administration recommends that the Council approve the bid award to the lowest bidder, Municipal Pipe Services Inc., of Hastings, NE in the amount of \$57,662.30.

Sample Motion

Motion to approve the purchase of Tapping and Line-Stopping Systems from Municipal Pipe Services, Inc. of Hastings, NE.

Purchasing Division of Legal Department
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM



Dale M. Shotkoski, Assistant City Attorney

*Working Together for a
Better Tomorrow, Today*

BID OPENING

BID OPENING DATE: March 27, 2007 at 11:00 a.m.

FOR: Tapping & Line-Stopping Systems

DEPARTMENT: Utilities

ENGINEER'S ESTIMATE: \$50,000.00

FUND/ACCOUNT: 525

PUBLICATION DATE: March 12, 2007

NO. POTENTIAL BIDDERS: 4

SUMMARY

Bidder:	<u>Municipal Pipe Services, Inc.</u>	<u>Hydra-Stop</u>
	Hastings, NE	Alsip, IL
Exceptions:	Noted	Noted
Bid Price:	\$57,662.30	\$54,900.00

cc: Gary Mader, Utilities Director
Pat Gericke, Utilities Admin. Assist.
Dale Shotkoski, Purchasing Agent

Robert Smith, Assist. Utilities Director
Dave Goosic, Water Superintendent
Sherry Peters, Legal Secretary

P1153

RESOLUTION 2007-83

WHEREAS, the City of Grand Island invited sealed bids for Tapping and Line-Stopping Systems, according to plans and specifications on file with the Utilities Department; and

WHEREAS, on March 27, 2007, bids were received, opened and reviewed; and

WHEREAS, Municipal Pipe Services, Inc., of Hastings, Nebraska, submitted a bid in accordance with the terms of the advertisement of bids and plans and specifications and all other statutory requirements contained therein, such bid being in the amount of \$57,662.30.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA, that the bid of Municipal Pipe Services, Inc., of Hastings, Nebraska, in the amount of \$57,662.30 for Tapping and Line-Stopping Systems is hereby approved as the lowest responsible bid.

- - -

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, April 10, 2007.

Margaret Hornady, Mayor

Attest:

RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

Approved as to Form	☐ _____
April 6, 2007	☐ City Attorney