



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, December 16, 2008

Council Session

Item G6

**#2008-350 - Approving Bid Award - Electric Department
Storeroom, Storage Facility, and Line Department Garage Facility
Fire Protection**

Staff Contact: Gary R. Mader; Wesley Nespor

Council Agenda Memo

From: Gary R. Mader, Utilities Director
Wesley Nespor, Asst. City Attorney/Purchasing

Meeting: December 16, 2008

Subject: Bid Award – Electric Dept. Storeroom, Storage Facility, and Line Department Garage Facility Fire Protection

Item #'s: G-6

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

Background

The Electric Line, Underground and Stores Divisions occupy the north side of the 1100 block of West North Front Street. The area has been developed over time as the Department has grown, with additional property and buildings added over the last 50 years. Electric Department facilities now occupy the entire block, between Lincoln and Washington Streets. A map of the area is attached for reference. There are several million dollars worth of materials, equipment and vehicles stored there routinely, and most of the buildings there were constructed before fire sprinkler protection systems were the norm. Over the last several years, the Department has budgeted monies to install fire protection sprinkler systems in those areas not currently protected. Three buildings were included in this year's budget;

The Stores Warehouse building – was constructed over 60 years ago and was acquired by the Electric Department from the YMCA in the late '70's. Before the YMCA owned the building, it was used as a warehouse by a private company. While the walls and floors are of masonry construction, the roof is a wooden truss design with conventional tar and gravel cover.

The Line and Underground Garages – These buildings were constructed in the mid 60's specifically for use by the electric construction crews and are used primarily to store vehicles and equipment.

The other buildings on the site are of newer construction or were remodeled since original construction, and include the installation of fire protection sprinkler systems.

Discussion

Department staff developed specifications for an *Electric Department Storeroom, Storage Facility, and Line Department Garage Facility Fire Protection* contract. Staff worked closely with our insurance carrier, Factory Mutual, to ensure that the specifications meet all current standards for protection. The Specifications and Notice to Bidders were advertised in accordance with the City Purchasing Code and specifications were mailed to seven potential bidders. Bids were received and publicly opened on November 25, 2008. Bids were received from two qualified contractors as tabulated below.

Bidder	Bid Price
Bamford, Inc., Kearney, NE	\$159,750.00
Nebraska Fire Sprinkler, Alda, NE (Option)	\$107,900.00
Nebraska Fire Sprinkler, Alda NE, (Base Bid)	\$115,500.00

Bamford, Inc., took exception to the contractor's insurance requirement provisions included in the specifications. The contractor stated that an addition to the contract amount of \$7,500 to \$10,000 would be required for the contractor to provide the specified insurance coverage.

Nebraska Fire Sprinkler provided two contract options; 1) The Base Bid included fire sprinkler protection as specified, and 2) An option bid to delete the Underground Garage from the contract. The Base Bid including all buildings, as specified, is recommended for award. Also, the specifications indicated that the water supply for the warehouse facility sprinkler system would be from the 6" main in 4th Street. The contractor proposed supply from the 10" main in West North Front Street. This exception is acceptable.

Alternatives

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

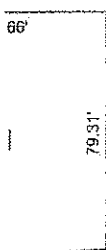
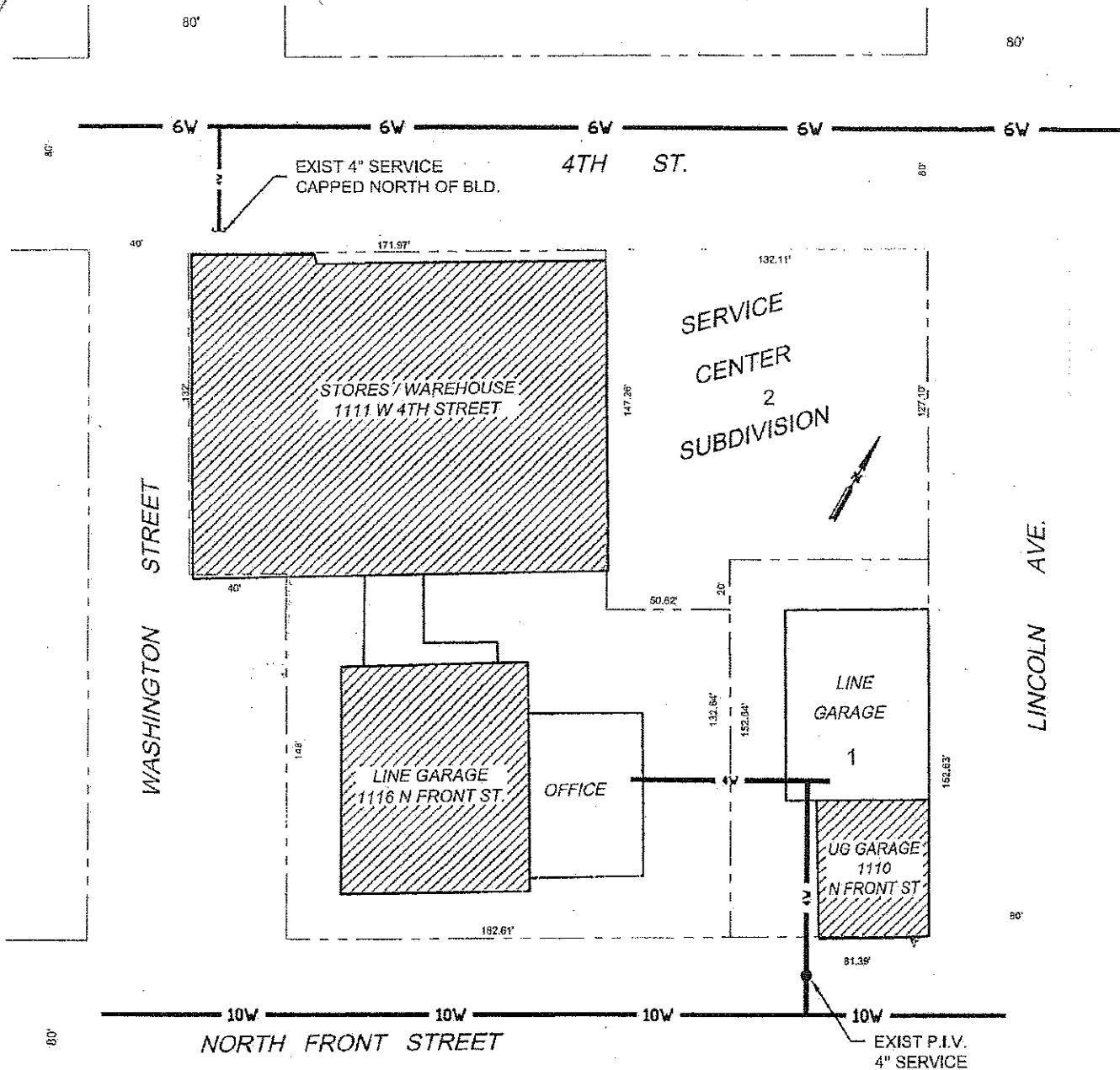
1. Move to approve
2. Refer the issue to a Committee
3. Postpone the issue to future date
4. Take no action on the issue

Recommendation

City Administration recommends that Council approve award of the contract for *Electric Department Storeroom, Storage Facility and Line Department Garage Facility Fire Protection* to Nebraska Fire Sprinkler, of Alda, Nebraska, in the amount of \$115,500; such contract to include installation of fire protection sprinklers in all buildings as specified.

Sample Motion

Move to approve the award of the contract to Nebraska Fire Sprinkler.



CITY OF
GRAND ISLAND
UTILITIES DEPARTMENT
**ELECTRIC SERVICE
CENTER AREA**
SCALE: 1"=60' 9/22/2008

Purchasing Division of Legal Department
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM



Wes Nespor, Purchasing Agent

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BID OPENING

BID OPENING DATE: November 25, 2008 at 11:00 a.m.

FOR: Fire Protection Electric Dept. Storeroom Division Storage Facility
And Electric Dept. Garage Area

DEPARTMENT: Utilities

ESTIMATE: \$150,000.00

FUND/ACCOUNT: 520

PUBLICATION DATE: October 15, 2008

NO. POTENTIAL BIDDERS: 7

SUMMARY

Bidder:	<u>Bamford, Inc.</u>	<u>Nebraska Fire Sprinkler</u>
	Kearney NE	Alda NE
Bid Security:	Universal Surety Company	Universal Surety Company
Exceptions:	Noted	Noted
Bid Price:		
Material:	\$65,147.00	\$42,466.00
Labor:	89,700.00	63,700.00
Sales Tax:	<u>4,903.00</u>	<u>1,734.00</u>
Total Base Bid:	\$159,750.00	\$107,900.00
Option:		<u>7,600.00</u>
Total Bid:		\$115,500.00

cc: Gary Mader, Utilities Director
Dale Shotkoski, City Attorney
Jeff Pederson, City Administrator
Gene Pesek, Utility Warehouse Supervisor

Bob Smith, Assist. Utilities Director
Wes Nespor, Purchasing Agent
Pat Gericke, Utilities Admin. Assist.

RESOLUTION 2008-350

WHEREAS, the City of Grand Island invited sealed bids for a fire protection system for the Electric Department Storeroom, Storage Facility, and Line Department Garage Facility, according to plans and specifications on file with the Utilities Department; and

WHEREAS, on November 25, 2008, bids were received, opened and reviewed; and

WHEREAS, Nebraska Fire Sprinkler, of Alda, 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 \$115,500; and

WHEREAS, Nebraska Fire Sprinkler's bid is less than the estimate for such project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA, that the bid of Nebraska Fire Sprinkler, of Alda, Nebraska, in the amount of \$115,500.00 for a fire protection system for the Electric Department Storeroom, Storage Facility and Line Department Garage Facility is hereby approved as the lowest responsible bid.

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Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, December 16, 2008.

Margaret Hornady, Mayor

Attest:

RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

Approved as to Form	☐ _____
December 12, 2008	☐ City Attorney