



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, November 24, 2015

Council Session

Item G-11

#2015-323 - Approving Bid Award - Water System Network Upgrade

Staff Contact: Tim Luchsinger, Stacy Nonhof

Council Agenda Memo

From: Timothy G. Luchsinger, Utilities Director
Stacy Nonhof, Assistant City Attorney

Meeting Date: November 24, 2015

Subject: Water System - Well Field Network Upgrade

Presenter(s): Lynn Mayhew, Assistant Utilities Director, Production

Background

The City's Municipal Water System is supplied primarily from the Platte River Wellfield, comprised of 21 wells and a pumping station.

The existing communication system uses radio links from the Wellfield and Rogers Pumping Station to Platte Generating Station and then a two-way fiber link to Burdick Station, which is also used for business communication. To increase security, the communications need to be split to a dedicated single fiber link. This project will upgrade the network switches and have the water system run on a secured control network, maintaining security and dependability of the City Water System.

Discussion

Specifications for the Water System Network Upgrade were advertised and issued for bid in accordance with the City Purchasing Code. Bids were publicly opened on November 10, 2015. The engineer's estimate for this project was \$110,000.00.

Bidder	Bid Price
Huffman Engineering, Inc., Lincoln, NE	\$82,464.90

The bid was reviewed by plant engineering staff and no exceptions were noted.

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 the bid for Water System Network Upgrade to Huffman Engineering, Inc., of Lincoln, Nebraska, as the low responsive bidder, in the amount of \$82,464.90.

Sample Motion

Move to approve the bid from Huffman Engineering, Inc., for the Water System Network Upgrade in the amount of \$82,464.90.



Stacy Nonhof, Purchasing Agent

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BID OPENING

BID OPENING DATE: November 10, 2015 at 2:00 p.m.
FOR: Water System – Network Upgrade
DEPARTMENT: Utilities
ESTIMATE: \$110,000.00
FUND/ACCOUNT: 525
PUBLICATION DATE: October 24, 2015
NO. POTENTIAL BIDDERS: 2

SUMMARY

Bidder: Huffman Engineering, Inc.
Lincoln, NE
Bid Security: North American Specialty Ins. Co.
Exceptions: None

Bid Price:
Material: \$41,830.00
Labor: \$35,240.00
Sales Tax: \$ 5,394.00
Total Bid: \$82,464.90

cc: Tim Luchsinger, Utilities Director
Marlan Ferguson, City Administrator
Stacy Nonhof, Purchasing Agent
Lynn Mayhew, Assist. Utilities Director

Pat Gericke, Utilities Admin. Assist.
William Clingman, Interim Finance Director
Karen Nagel, Utilities Secretary

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RESOLUTION 2015-323

WHEREAS, the City of Grand Island invited sealed bids for Water System Network Upgrade according to plans and specifications on file with the Utilities Department; and

WHEREAS, on November 10, 2015, bids were received, opened and reviewed; and

WHEREAS, Huffman Engineering, Inc., of Lincoln, 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 \$82,464.90; and

WHEREAS, the bid of Huffman Engineering, Inc., is less than the estimate for Water System Network Upgrade.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA, that the bid of Huffman Engineering, Inc., in the amount of \$82,464.90, for Water System Network Upgrade, is hereby approved as the lowest responsible bid.

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Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, November 24, 2015.

Jeremy L. Jensen, Mayor

Attest:

RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

Approved as to Form	☐ _____
November 20, 2015	☐ City Attorney