



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, October 21, 2003

Special Mtg/Study Session

Item I1

#2003-305 - Approving Bid Award for Water Extension District No. 444 - Marylane Subdivision

BACKGROUND:

Due to the recent discovery of ground water contamination in private wells, a petition representing 95.99% of the property owners within Marylane Subdivision, has been received requesting City water service. On October 14 the referenced district was created by Council. The contract provides for installation of water mains in Mary Lane and Valley View Avenue and service lines to the lots. The district's plat is attached for reference.

DISCUSSION:

Plans and specifications were sent to five contractors, six suppliers, and five plan service companies. Bids were publicly opened at 11:00 am on October 17 in accordance with City Procurement Codes. Four bids were received and have been checked and evaluated. A tabulation of the bids received is listed below:

Bidder: General Excavating Diamond Engineering Starostka Group Co. Judds Brothers Const.

Lincoln, Grand Island, NE Grand Island, NE Lincoln, NE

Exceptions: None None None None

Bid Price: \$76,220.63 \$78,140.24 \$86,720.83 \$102,285.90

Completion: 45 days 12/31/03 75 days 30 days

EVALUATION:

During the evaluation of Judd Bros's bid, it was discovered they had an anomaly in the unit price for installation of water services (item C.1.16). They listed a unit price of \$9.50 ea, with an extended total price of \$19,950.00 for the 21 services. This would indicate they had the decimal point in the wrong location for the unit price.

I discussed this with Dale Shotkoski in the Purchasing Dept. He referenced part of Section 27-8 of the City Code which provides for corrections of an inadvertent nature.

I contacted Jessie, with Judds, in regard to this situation and faxed him a copy of the referenced section of Code. He initially stated he would immediately reviewed their data and sent me a copy of their documentation explaining and clarifying the intended unit price \$950.00.

I spoke with Jessie again in the afternoon of 10/14. He stated at that time he did not have the authority to send any confirming information and all personal that could do so, were unavailable. Due the lack of detail information and supporting evidence to clarify their apparent error, it is recommended that they not be considered for award.

Below is part of Section 27-8 of City Code used for reference in evaluating Judds Bros unit price error:

Correction or Withdrawal of Bids; Cancellation of Awards. Correction or withdrawal of inadvertently erroneous bids before or after bid opening, or cancellation of awards or contracts based on such bid mistakes, may be permitted where appropriate. Mistakes discovered before bid opening may be modified or withdrawn by written or telegraphic notice received in the office designated in the invitation for bids prior to the time set for bid opening. After bid opening, corrections in bids shall be permitted only to the extent that the bidder can show by clear and convincing evidence that a mistake of a nonjudgmental character was made, the nature of the mistake, and the bid price actually intended. After bid opening, no changes in bid prices or other provisions of bids prejudicial to the interest of the City or fair competition shall be permitted.

RECOMMENDATION:

All the bids are without exceptions and otherwise comply with contract documents. It is recommended the Council award the contract for Water Main District 444 to: General Excavating of Lincoln, NE in the amount of \$76,220.63. Their bid is below the engineer's estimate of \$95,000.00 and is under the time-line for completion of the work.

FISCAL EFFECTS:

Construction funds are available in Enterprise Fund 525 for the FY 2003-04 budget.

ALTERNATIVES:

Award to an alternate contractor or re-bid the District. See attached RESOLUTION.

Staff Contact: Gary R. Mader; Dale Shotkoski



Dale M. Shotkoski, Assistant City Attorney

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BID OPENING

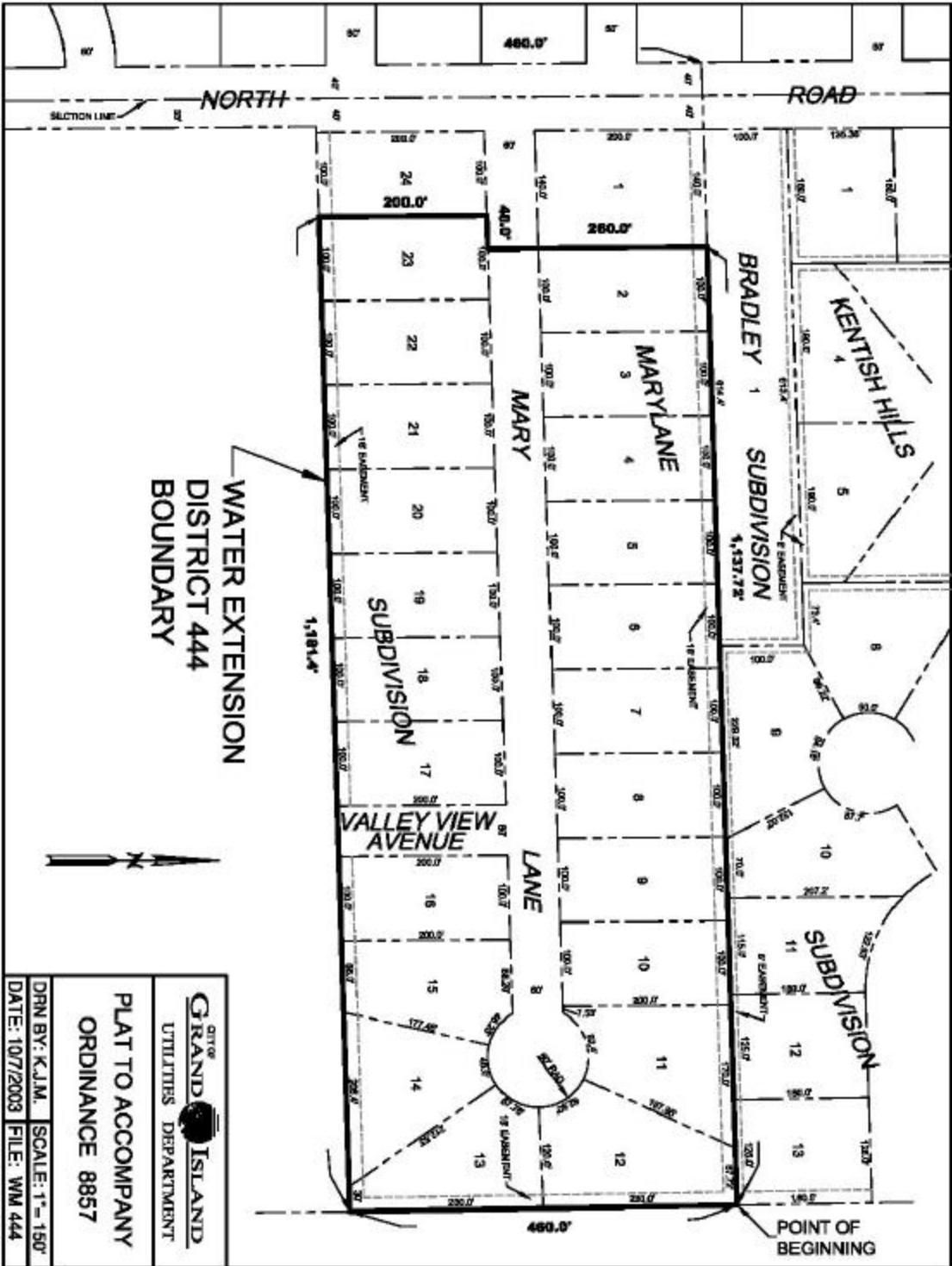
BID OPENING DATE: October 17, 2003 at 11:00 a.m.
FOR: Water Main District 444
DEPARTMENT: Utilities
ENGINEER'S ESTIMATE: \$95,000.00
FUND/ACCOUNT: 525 Enterprise Fund
PUBLICATION DATE: October 10, 2003
NO. POTENTIAL BIDDERS: 5

SUMMARY

Bidder:	<u>Starostka Group Co.</u> Grand Island, NE	<u>General Excavating</u> Lincoln, NE		
Bid Security:	Merchants Bonding	Universal Surety		
Exceptions:	None	None		
Bid Price:	<table border="1"><tr><td>\$86,720.83</td></tr></table>	\$86,720.83	<table border="1"><tr><td>\$76,220.63</td></tr></table>	\$76,220.63
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Completion Date:	75 days from bid award	45 days from bid award		
Bidder:	<u>Judds Brothers</u> Lincoln, NE	<u>Diamond Engineering Co.</u> Grand Island, NE		
Bid Security:	Travelers Casualty	Travelers Casualty		
Exceptions:	None	None		
Bid Price:	<table border="1"><tr><td>\$102,285.90</td></tr></table>	\$102,285.90	<table border="1"><tr><td>\$78,140.24</td></tr></table>	\$78,140.24
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Completion Date:	30 day from bid award	December 31, 2003		

cc: Gary Mader, Utilities Director
Bob Smith, Assistant Utilities Director
Tom Barnes, Engineering Manager
Pat Gericke, Utilities Department
City Administrator
Dale Shotkoski, Purchasing Agent
Laura Berthelsen, Legal Assistant

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GRAND ISLAND
 UTILITIES DEPARTMENT
PLAT TO ACCOMPANY
ORDINANCE 8857
 DRN BY: K.J.M. SCALE: 1" = 150'
 DATE: 10/7/2003 FILE: WM 444

R E S O L U T I O N 2003-305

WHEREAS, the City of Grand Island invited sealed bids for Water Extension District No. 444, according to plans and specifications on file with the Utilities Engineering Office located at Phelps Control Center; and

WHEREAS, on October 17, 2003, bids were received, opened and reviewed; and

WHEREAS, General Excavating 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 \$76,220.63; and

WHEREAS, General Excavating's bid is less than the engineer's 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 General Excavating of Lincoln, Nebraska, in the amount of \$76,220.63 for Water Extension District No. 444 is hereby approved as the lowest responsible bid.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a contract for such project between the City and such contractor be entered into, and the Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to execute such contract on behalf of the City of Grand Island.

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Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, October 21, 2003.

RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

Approved as to Form	☐ _____
October 17, 2003	☐ City Attorney