



CITY OF WASHINGTON, ILLINOIS

Public Works Committee Meeting Agenda

Meeting Date: 02-03-2020

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Agenda Item: Water Tower #1 Painting Inspection Considerations

Explanation: The City has awarded Seven Brothers Painting of Shelby Township, MI the contract for painting of Water Tower #1. The cost of this project came in at \$553,900, Council approved an overall budget of \$600,000. There is \$500,000 budgeted for this project. Seven Brothers is planning to mobilize equipment to the site in February, weather permitting. The painting portion of this project is projected to begin after May 1st.

On January 10th I received an email from Dixon Engineering asking if the City was still planning on completing the painting project, and if so, were we still planning on using them for the inspections. I was not aware of the inspections portion of the contract and let Dixon know we were still planning on completing the painting and would get back to them on inspections. The cost for inspections on this project from Dixon would be \$36,450.

Crawford, Murphy, & Tilly (CMT) has largely been the engineers for everything on the water side for the City so I contacted them regarding inspections for the tower painting project. Initially, I was told they were interested, however on January 29th I was contacted by CMT to let me know they would not be able to complete the inspections. CMT provided the names of two companies that could provide inspections for the tower painting. These two companies are Tank Industries of Indianapolis, IN, and Dixon Engineering of Lake Odessa, MI. As you can see above, Dixon had already provided a quote for this work. Tank Industries declined to quote the project as they did not write the specification for its repair, preparation, and painting. There have been three quotes sought for inspections for the water tower painting with only one company able to provide this service.

Fiscal Impact: Inspections total \$36,450

Recommendation/

Committee Discussion Summary: It is my recommendation to move forward with the inspections with Dixon Engineering and get this project completed. Going out for bid on the inspections will only delay this project. The water tower project came in over budget, however the project will not be completed in this fiscal year and money will need to be carried over to next fiscal year. Additional monies could be budgeted in next fiscal year to account for the overages because of the inspections, and the shortage because not enough money was budgeted in FY 19/20. A memo dated August 2, 2019 to Council by the former engineer explains there is \$150,000 budgeted for the levee construction and that it would not be constructed until FY 20/21 and therefore that money could provide the additional funding. The levee project is a real possibility depending on direction and we would like to reserve those monies for that project.

Action Requested: Direction to move forward with the inspections with Dixon Engineering and get this project completed.