



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEMS

To: Mayor Graham and City Council
From: Dennis Sullivan, Director of Engineering & Public Works
Walter Denton, City Administrator
Date: March 19, 2007
Subject: RESOLUTION – Prairie Farm Dairy Sanitary Sewer Sampler

List of Committees that have reviewed: None.

Background: The existing sampler at the dairy is inside a processing room. We rely on dairy employees to turn the sampler on prior to our arrival to collect a sample. So, random sampling is not occurring. Additionally, the sampler only collects waste from a delivery bay and not the entire plant. The sampler to be installed is outside of the plant in City right-of-way and samples from a manhole that services the entire plant. The sampler will be serviced by a third party testing firm as the PET Dairy is sampled. We anticipate improved sampling and a justifiable charge for sanitary services provided.

Legal Considerations, if any: None beyond normal contract concerns.

Budget Impact: Funding for this project will impact the sanitary sewer budget, but is a must pay and will be absorbed using funds for general maintenance.

Staff Recommendation: Four bids for the work were received by the City on 3/13/07 (see attached). The low bid is significantly above the engineer's estimate, but pricing the bits of the sampling device was difficult and the installation as well. The sampler placed at PET Dairy evidently was a bargain versus this one. Despite that disparity, staff recommends approval of a contract with Korte-Luitjohan for \$59,500, the low bidder as other bidders are significantly higher.