



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEMS

To: Mayor Graham and City Council
From: Dennis Sullivan, Director of Engineering & Public Works
Walter Denton, City Administrator
Date: March 2, 2009
Subject: RESOLUTION – Pausch Road Water Main

List of committees that have reviewed: Public Works Committee.

Background: The new water storage tower that is being constructed along Pausch Road just north of the Ogles Creek crossing needs to be connected to the existing 12” water main along Milburn School Road. Therefore, a 16” diameter line needs to be constructed along the west right-of-way of Pausch Road north to the new tower. The design is complete and the permit to construct has been issued by IEPA. Bids have been solicited, received and reviewed. The apparent low bidder was asked to submit their qualifications and the response did not include information on the licensed plumber that will need to be employed to complete the job under the state plumbing code requirements. The only project listed by the low bidder relating directly to water main construction was one for the City of Waterloo. When staff called to seek recommendations from engineers and project managers about the low bidder’s performance, they were warned that the low bidder had difficulties in performing work satisfactorily on the Waterloo project and in subdivision in a nearby community. As a result, staff wants to reject the low bid and award the contract to the next lowest bidder, LW Contractors. LW has done a considerable amount of water line work for the City of O’Fallon and has always performed it well and on time.

Legal Considerations, if any: The rejection of a low bid always has some risk associated with it; however, based on staff’s findings, the low bidder needs additional experience in taking on a job of the City’s project size which must cross a major stream and run parallel to a large fiber optic cable serving Scott AFB.

Budget Impact: Funding for this project is contained in the FY09 Water Operations budget.

Staff recommendation: Staff recommends execution of the agreement with LW Contractors as the responsive low bidder with passage of the resolution for a cost of construction not to exceed \$119,760.00 based on the unit prices quoted.