THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE

STAFF REPORT

Council Meeting Date: June 27, 2023

Subject: Generator Replacements at Fire Stations 2 and 9

Staff Resource(s): Jade Dundas, Capital Project Director and Tony Rathbone, Facilities Maintenance Manager

Action Requested: Adoption of a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract with Jackson Electrical Contractors, Inc. in the amount of $109,850 for generator replacements at Fire Stations 2, 8, 9, and 12.

Background:

- Fire Stations 2, 8, 9, and 12 have generators that are past their useful life and currently do not support major functions of the building in the case of a power outage.
- Replacement of generators that are nearing the end of their general life.
    - For example, the generator that is being replaced at Fire station 8 is 24 years old.
- The proposed contract would remove and replace the current generators with more efficient and reliable generators that will supply backup power to all of the critical functions of the fire stations.
- The base bid includes station 2 and 9 with bid alternates for Fire Station 8 and 12.
- On May 25, 2023 bids were due and only one bid was received that was outside of the proposed budget.
- The rebids were due and opened June 14, 2023.
    - Carrick Contract Corp, Charlotte, NC — Base Bid $104,987 Add alternates $105,554
    - Jackson Electrical Contractors, Inc., Arden, NC — Base Bid $55,500 Add alternates $54,350
    - Emory Electric, Inc., Asheville NC — Base Bid $145,965 Add alternates $104,650
    - Smathers Contracting, LLC, Candler NC — Base Bid $123,300 Add alternates $102,900

Vendor Outreach Efforts:

- Staff performed outreach to minority and women owned businesses through direct outreach to City certified vendors and through the solicitation processes which include posting on the State's Interactive Purchasing System and requiring prime contractors to reach out to Minority & Women-Owned Business Enterprise (MWBE) service providers for subcontracted services.
- These processes at a minimum require staff to outreach businesses that have a documented contracting disparity directly and/or through prime contractors.
- There was specific outreach to MWBE electrical contractors during the bidding process.
- No MWBE firms submitted bids with this prime contractor.

Council Goal(s):

- Improve/Expand Core Services

Committee(s):

- N/A

Pro(s):

- The resulting generators will provide additional protection from power outages and will be more efficient and reliable.

Con(s):

- Small power interruptions may occur to the buildings during installation. These will be planned and coordinated with the Fire Department

Fiscal Impact:

- Funding for this contract is available in the Capital Projects Department operating budget.

Suggested Motion:

- Motion to adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract with Jackson Electrical Contractors, Inc. in the amount of $109,850 for generator replacements at Fire Stations 2, 8, 9, and 12.

Attachment(s)

- Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. 23-_____

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH JACKSON ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS, INC FOR GENERATOR REPLACEMENTS AT FIRE STATIONS 2, 8, 9, AND 12.

WHEREAS, the City of Asheville has authority pursuant to Article 3 of Chapter 160A of the North Carolina General Statutes to enter into contracts for services with other entities; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 143-129, bids were solicited for the generator replacements at Fire Stations 2 and 9**;** and

WHEREAS, the Jackson Electrical Contractors, Inc of Arden, NC was the lowest responsible bidder for the project; and

WHEREAS, the Jackson Electrical Contractors, Inc, shall provide all labor, materials, and equipment for the replacement of boilers at City Hall; and

WHEREAS, the amount of the bid is $109,850, and funding for the project is allocated within the Capital Improvement Program Fund;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE THAT:

The City Manager is hereby authorized to execute a contract with Jackson Electrical Contractors, Inc in the amount of $109,850 for generator replacements at Fire Stations 2, 8, 9, and 12.

Read, approved and adopted this the 27th day of June, 2023.

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City Clerk Mayor

Approved as to form:

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City Attorney