THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE

STAFF REPORT

Council Meeting Date: September 22, 2020

Subject: Water System Neighborhood Enhancement Project Area 5 Part 1 Project – Construction Services Contract Award

Staff Resource(s): David Melton - Water Resources Director; Chad Pierce - Engineering Services Manager

Action Requested: Adoption of a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a construction agreement with T&K Utilities, Inc., for the Water System Neighborhood Enhancement Project Area 5 Part 1 Project.

Background:

- On July 28, 2020, the Water Resources Department (WRD) issued an Advertisement for Bids for the Water System Neighborhood Enhancement Project Area 5 Part 1 Project.
- The scope of work for this project includes the installation of approximately 12,100 LF of 6-inch, 5,000 LF of 8-inch, and 1,200 LF of 12-inch ductile iron water line along with related appurtenances and materials required to complete the work located along various streets within the following areas:
    - Muirfield Subdivision
    - Mills Gap Road
    - Swannanoa River Road
    - S. Tunnel Road
    - Brookwood Road
    - Brevard Road
    - Hazel Mill Road
    - Joe Jenkins Road
- This proposed project has been determined to be a critical installation that will increase the water systems reliability by replacing undersized and older waterlines that have high failure rates and also by providing improved water pressure and flow characteristics for domestic service and fire fighting capabilities.
- Companies responding were:
    - T&K Utilities, Inc.; Asheville, NC – Bid: $3,810,200
    - Patton Construction Group; Asheville, NC – Bid: $3,992,500
    - T.P. Howard's Plumbing Company, Inc.; Fairview, NC – Bid: $4,050,000
    - Cooper Construction Company, Inc.; Hendersonville, NC – Bid: $4,053,202
    - Buckeye Bridge, LLC; Canton, NC – Bid: $4,180,455.30
    - NHM Constructors, LLC; Asheville, NC – Bid: $4,714,706
    - Teraflex Group, LLC; Williston, ND – Bid: $4,723,114.20
    - Thomas Construction Company, Inc.; Johnson City, TN – Bid: $5,838,960
- Following a review of the bids by City Staff and WK Dickson & Co., Inc., the project engineers; T&K Utilities, Inc.was selected as the lowest responsible, responsive bidder.
- The WRD requests authorization to contract with T&K Utilities, Inc. for the bid amount of $3,810,200 plus a 10% contingency in the amount of $381,020 for a total project budget in the amount of $4,191,220.

Vendor Outreach Efforts:

- Staff performed outreach to minority and women owned businesses 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.
- MWBE owned businesses are being utilized as subcontractors for traffic control and asphalt paving by prime contractors.

Council Goal(s):

- A Financially Resilient City and a Clean and Healthy Environment.

Committee(s):

- Not Applicable.

Pro(s):

- This project is aligned with the City and the Water Resources Department goal of continued investment and improvement of the City's water system through Capital Improvement Projects to provide safe and reliable service.

Con(s):

- None.

Fiscal Impact:

- Funds needed for this construction agreement are already budgeted in the "Small Waterline Replacement Projects" within the Water Resources Capital Improvement Fund.

Suggested Motion:

- Move to adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a construction agreement with T&K Utilities, Inc., for the Water System Neighborhood Enhancement Project Area 5 Part 1 Project.

Attachment(s)

- Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. 20-_____

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A CONSTRUCTION AGREEMENT WITH T&K UTILITIES, INC., FOR THE WATER SYSTEM NEIGHBORHOOD ENHANCEMENT PROJECT AREA 5 PART 1 PROJECT

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 160A-312, the City of Asheville has authority to operate a public enterprise; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 160A-20.1, the City of Asheville may enter into contracts with private entities to carry out any public purpose the City is authorized to engage in; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 143-129, bids were solicited for the project known as the Water System Neighborhood Enhancement Project Area 5 Part 1 Project; and

WHEREAS, T&K Utilities, Inc., was the lowest responsible, responsive bidder for the Project, in the amount of $3,810,200.00; and

WHEREAS, the project includes, but is not limited to, all labor, materials, equipment, and incidentals required for the installation of approximately 12,100 LF of 6-inch, 5,000 LF of 8-inch, and 1,200 LF of 12-inch ductile iron water line along with related appurtenances and materials required in order to complete the work located along various streets within the Muirfield Subdivision, Mills Gap Rd, Swannanoa River Rd, S. Tunnel Rd, Brookwood Rd, Brevard, Hazel Mill Rd and Joe Jenkins Rd.
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WHEREAS, the bids have been reviewed by the Water Resources Department and the City's Office of Economic Development (Minority Business Plan Compliance) with all officers recommending approval of the bid;

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

The City Manager, on behalf of the City of Asheville, is hereby authorized to execute a construction agreement with T&K Utilities, Inc., for the Water System Neighborhood Enhancement Project Area 5 Part 1 Project for the bid amount of $3,810,200 and further authorizing the City Manager to execute any contract amendments or change orders up to 10% ($381,020) above the bid amount.

Read, approved and adopted this 22nd day of September, 2020.

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CITY CLERK MAYOR

Approved as to form:

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CITY ATTORNEY