



# STAFF REPORT

**MEETING DATE:** January 9, 2024

**TITLE:**

Consider action to approve Resolution No. R-2024-02 of the City Council of the City of Bastrop, Texas, approving a Professional Engineering Services contract with Huitt-Zollars, Inc. for the Old Iron Bridge Rehabilitation Project to a not to exceed amount of One Million, One Hundred Twenty-Nine Thousand, Two Hundred Twenty-Two Dollars and Forty-Five Cents (\$1,129,222.45); authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary documents, providing for a repealing clause, and establishing an effective date.

**AGENDA ITEM SUBMITTED BY:**

Gregory S. McCaffery, P.E., CFM, Assistant Director of Engineering and Capital Project Management

**BACKGROUND/HISTORY:**

The Old Iron Bridge is an iconic structure for the City of Bastrop and its residents and both value in preserving the City's historic facilities for future generations. This bridge provides a critical crossing of the Colorado River, which is a natural barrier separating the downtown business district from the city's west side. It also provides means for additional multi-modal transportation choices to connect users to Bastrop's downtown businesses, neighborhoods, and recreational amenities. Further, in rehabilitating the bridge the city recognizes the project would provide for a deck park attracting residents and tourists to this iconic structure, preserve and enhance the unique historic character of the community and support economic growth.

City staff has had Huitt-Zollars, Inc (H-Z) develop a Scope of Work, Professional Services Agreement (PSA) contract to complete a condition assessment report to meet the loading requirements to serve as a pedestrian facility. In addition to bridge repairs and repainting design, the PSA shall also include traffic control, SWPPP, safety lighting, installation of a pedestrian railing, shared use path striping, and deck amenities. Further the contract includes access coordination with TxDOT, plans, specifications and opinion of construction costs, bid phase services, and construction contract administration. Additionally, H-Z will work through the historic aspects of the bridge, US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Permit, and Texas Historical Commission (THC) reviews and approvals.

The City selected Huitt-Zollars, Inc. from a selection of qualified consulting firms identified during the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) process completed in July 2022.

Engineering design is anticipated to take 14 months to complete (March 2025). Should the City proceed with construction thereafter it is anticipated to take 22 months to complete (April 2027).

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

- The project design will be funded through the following 2024 budget accounts:
  - 726-00-00-6000      \$571,520.72
  - 731-00-00-6000      \$557,701.73

**RECOMMENDATION:**

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**ATTACHMENTS:**

- Exhibit A: Resolution No. R-2024-02
- Exhibit B: Professional Services Contract with Huitt-Zollars, Inc.

