City of Bel Aire, Kansas

STAFF REPORT

DATE: August 14, 2024

TO: Ted Henry, City Manager

FROM: Anne Stephens, PE, City Engineer

RE: Bristol Hollows Sanitary Sewer Services

BACKGROUND:

The sanitary sewer line to serve Bristol Hollows Phase 1 was installed in late 2020. The sanitary sewer services to Lot 1, Block A were inadvertently left off of the plans and hence not installed. This oversight was not noticed until the Developer went to connect the sewer services from the home.

DISCUSSION:

Phase 1 of the Sanitary Sewer Improvements to Bristol Hollows included a 10" Sanitary Sewer Line along 53rd Street that extended to the west side of the development. This sewer line was intended to serve the developments further west along 53rd and all of the lots abutting 53rd Street in the Bristol Hollows subdivision. The sanitary sewer risers serving Lot 1, Block A, while shown on the front page of the plans, were inadvertently left off of the sanitary sewer service table and the detailed plan sheets providing location and elevation information. This omission was not discovered until the Developer went to connect the service lines from the house to the risers on the sewer main. The video tapes from the sewer inspection were double checked and indeed, no risers were installed to service this building.

The Developer reached out to both Kaw Valley Engineering (Phase 1 Design Engineer) and Garver (Phase 2 Design Engineer). Kaw Valley declined to assist with getting these services installed. An initial attempt was made to simply install the sewer services on the sewer line along 53rd Street, but costs were exorbitant due to the depth of the line and the proximity to both the foundation of the structure as well as a power pole. The City and Garver met on-site and it was determined that we might be able to extend a sewer line from the existing manhole in the southeast corner of Lot 2, Block A to serve Lot 1, Block A. After some double checking, this proved to be feasible.

Garver reached out to five contractors to get quotes for the revised project. Three responded. Their prices are presented below.

	Utility Solutions	Mies	McCullough
Total	\$10,753.20	\$53,235.00	\$20,528.00

Both Mies and McCullough have worked with the City on numerous water and sanitary sewer projects. Utility Solutions is a new company to the City, but has performed a number of sanitary sewer services installations for the Developer in both Bel Aire and on various projects in Wichita. Garver is checking references and ensuring that they have the equipment to safely install this sanitary sewer line in accordance with our specifications.







FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS: The funds for this project will come out of the project Temp Note.

<u>POLICY DECISION:</u> Staff adhered to the purchasing policy in soliciting a minimum of three bids for the project.

<u>RECOMENDATION</u>: Both Mies and McCullough have worked with the City on numerous water and sanitary sewer projects. Utility Solutions is a new company to the City, but has performed a number of sanitary sewer services installations for the Developer in both Bel Aire and on various projects in Wichita. Garver is checking references and ensuring that they have the equipment to safely install this sanitary sewer line in accordance with our specifications.

Assuming that the references for Utility Solutions check out, staff recommends that the City Council accept the bid from Utility Solutions in the amount of \$10,753.20.

